Post-election protests continue, Boston officials receive demands

Chris DeGusto
News Editor

Chants of "the youth united will never be defeated" were repeated by a group of high school and college students standing on the front steps of the Massachusetts State House on Monday afternoon. An organized walkout labeled on flyers, "Boston Student Walk Out Against Trump," marched from the State House to City Hall, where protesters chanted outside of Mayor Marty Walsh's office for more than an hour.

The goal of this walkout was to deliver a list of demands to both Governor Charlie Baker and Walsh, which highlighted the issues the protesters wanted addressed based off both the election results and the protest organizers' march to City Hall.

"We fight for our rights, fists in the air," said Jones. "We fight for the lands, fists in the air. We fight for our women, fists in the air. We fight for our futures, fists in the air. We are the people."

Robert Gorman, a former homeless man holding a "homeless lives matter" sign followed the march to City Hall and spoke with a Journal reporter about how President-Elect Trump will effect him. In his discussion he spoke about how, as a journalist, not everything is going to go according to plan, and that a great deal of hard work and tedious effort is required.

"The worst part is when you spend two days chatting down a story and it doesn't come together, and you feel like you've let your editor down, let your readers down," said Miller. "But you can't do anything, you don't know."
Ted Talk discusses shared economy versus traditional business

Morgan Rume
Journal Staff

Businesses like Uber, Craigslist and Airbnb that operate under a shared economy are increasing in popularity. However, there’s controversy surrounding the fact that companies based on a shared economy, a market model that relies on peers exchanging goods and services with each other, take customers away from traditional businesses, such as hotels and restaurants.

At Suffolk’s second TEDx Talk event, three panelists discussed the laws and impacts of a shared economy. Jaid Chahine, the co-founder of Jobletics, Julie Di Pino, the founder of myoncampuschef, and Economics major Jordan Albrizio attended the Ted Talk and said they enjoyed hearing about the different businesses.

"Shared economy is helping students right now. To give them the freedom to quit anytime and it allows you to grow faster in this century where you can do whatever you want."

-Gianmarco Di Pino, founder of myoncampuschef

Suffolk’s enrollment low

Suffolk’s enrollment fell six percent below 2015-2016 levels, and attendance has fallen by more than 1,500 students across its three schools, Boston Business Journal reported last Tuesday. The Law School and College of Arts and Sciences experienced the biggest decrease in enrollment, which were disclosed in its most recent financial statements. Additionally, the university accepted two percent more freshman international students this month, versus 2017.

Suffolk’s MPH accredited

Suffolk’s Masters of Public Health degree was recently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Education (CAHME). Suffolk University and Boston University are the only two universities with this accreditation in Massachusetts. Additionally, Suffolk’s program is only one of six programs to be CAHME accredited in New England.

Sanctuary campuses hit Boston schools

In the weeks since Donald J. Trump was elected president, students across the U.S. have organized protests against what they see as policies that threaten them. Recently, many of these protests have focused on pushing their schools to declare themselves “sanctuary campuses,” or schools that will act to protect undocumented students and staff. John Gianvito drafted a proposal for Emerson to declare the school a sanctuary campus, joining a growing list of colleges. The proposal passed by Emerson faculty states Emerson staff will not be able to "willingly provide access to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents," should the new administration "forcefully deport people," according to The Berkeley Beacon, the campus newspaper.

The panelists’ overall advice for traditional businesses competing with a shared economy was to find ways to adapt to the future.
A WORD
FROM SGA

Dear Suffolk Students,

Finals week is near and we’d like to wish you all the best of luck with the end of the semester. SGA will continue to work over the break, so if you experience any difficulties or challenges with life at Suffolk, please feel free to reach out to us at sga@suffolk.edu. We will provide any assistance that we can.

Please be sure to follow SGA on all of our social media accounts to keep up with what we are doing, including the weekly posting of our previous week’s minutes. You can find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @SuffolkSGA.

The library will have extended hours for finals week, so be sure to look out for those over the next two weeks. SGA will be holding and attending numerous events next semester, so be sure to look out for us on campus!

The Student Government Association-held its weekly general meeting on Thursdays from 12:15 - 1:30p.m. in Somerset room B18. Our meetings are open to all members to the Suffolk community to come listen or share your concerns during our open forum.

If you have any questions or issues and do not want to attend our meetings, you can email us, contact us on social media, or reach out to your class senator. You can find a list of your class senators at: http://www.suffolk.edu/documents/SGA.pdf.

Good luck next week on finals, we hope you all have a safe, fun, and relaxing winter break!

-Student Government Association

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Suffolk, Boston police departments prepared to protect

From SUPD page 1

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College, high school students fight against nation’s decision

From CHANTS page 1

What his slogan really meant was make America great again. He says he’s a business, but his head is empty.

Gorman also plans to protest the inauguration in Washington D.C.

One source, an “adult supporting the youth led movement” explained the demands to a reporter from The Journal while inside City Hall.

There was a delegation of students that went into the state house to deliver the demands to Governor Charlie Baker’s office, the source said. “We are in City Hall now and there will be a delegation that will deliver the demands to Marry Walsh as well.”

Walsh did not elect to speak to roughly 100 protesters that stood outside of his office. The Mayor’s office sent Journal reporters a statement from Walsh Tuesday afternoon on the matter.

“This is not something you can force on a community. We need to talk about it rationally and get an understanding of all the complexities and issues involved of such an undertaking,” said Coletta.

Majed Yusuf, a marketing junior, expressed his uncertainty with SUPD.

“[This walkout is about] people standing up against our democracy that has ignored the demands of the people.”

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Check out the list of demands on thesuffolkjournal.com

Chris DeGuilio/ News Editor
Putting a cap on cancer

Chris DeGusto
News Editor

Brooke Patterson
Asst. Sports Editor

Despite being an apparel brand, Love Your Melon (LYM) is also a non-profit organization that focuses on the funding for pediatric cancer. In 2012, DYD*, said Datre by two students at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. They had the original intention of putting a hat on every child’s head battling cancer in the United States.

The brand has a Campus Crew Program across in which college students raise awareness campuses for pediatric cancer by donating and holding events. The Suffolk University’s Campus Crew hosted their second official LYM event on Nov. 29 in the 20 Somerset building’s lobby. The crew had access to the popular Snapchat account, onlyifious, to live update the event. They used the account, flyers and posters not only to promote the organization, but also to inspire students to purchase LYM beanies in order to benefit the cause.

Danielle Datre, public relations senior and Public Relations Manager for the Suffolk University LYM, said, “They used the accounts, flyers and posters not only to promote the organization, but also to inspire students to purchase LYM beanies in order to benefit the cause.”

Datre and the SULYM crew chose to support the little guy a LYM Beanie,” said Datre in an interview with The Journal. “They’re raising awareness outside of not just our small Suffolk community, outside of our Boston community, but essentially something that impacts people worldwide. So with Love Your Melon it’s raising awareness outside of our own bubble,” said Dygon in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Tuesday afternoon.

In an endeavor to unite the community, Suffolk students and the SULYM crew designed cards to give to a 10-month-old, Carter Wheeler.

On Oct. 31, 2016, Wheeler was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He is currently undergoing treatment at Hasbro Children’s Hospital and is doing well. Datre and the SULYM crew chose to support him in his journey.

“We decided to make holiday cards for Carter’s family and to send the little guy a LYM Beanie,” said Datre in an interview with The Journal on Dec. 5. “I think they could have their spirits lifted a little bit this season.”

Last year, Datre discovered Suffolk did not have a LYM crew. She formed a group that began meeting the first two weeks of the spring semester. Now, the official SULYM crew has 11 members. While there is a maximum number of 20 members allowed, anyone that wishes to participate can be a part of an unlimited volunteer list, which currently has five.

Datre’s involvement with LYM began over social media. While studying abroad, Datre found an Instagram account, “pray4erofdylk.” The page was created for two less than two year old Californian resident Kyle Elizabeth. Elizabeth was diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma on Dec. 30, 2013, and passed away just over a year later on Feb. 7, 2015.

“That account, you saw the effects, it was very raw, very real,” Datre said in an interview with The Journal. “But in addition to the raw images of the effects of cancer on a beautiful, tiny baby, [the posts] also educated me about the lack of government funding for childhood cancer research, only four percent, which was the real kicker for me.”

Dygon believes that the crew’s passion and extreme efficiency have become beneficial in helping others in the pursuit of a cure for pediatric cancer.

“They’re really trying to think outside of the box and stand out on campus,” said Dygon on the lack of government funding for childhood cancer research, only four percent, which was the real kicker for me.”

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Junior public relations major Kaylin Biggs attended this event for a classroom assignment and spoke to a reporter from The Suffolk Journal in an interview after the organized discussion had ended. While she talked of how she may not choose a career as a political reporter to pursue, Biggs noted that she wants her future job to be something that she enjoys.

“As long as you’re happy and do what you want to do, then it’s worth it. I’d rather be doing something I love and not be paid as much than hate going to work everyday and wish I did something else,” said Miller.

He mentioned that the salaries in the field of journalism are not a factor, but that he’s glad to be a reporter.

“There’s no way to sugarcoat it, journalism is not a good paying industry, but it’s a deeply rewarding industry,” Miller told while answering a question about the pay of journalists. “You could have spent 14 hours and not been paid very much, and feel like you’ve done really good work and helped people, and reveal some wrongdoing, and that’s worth a lot.”

In an industry that has seen declining number of print edition readers, Miller gave his opinion about what he envisions the industry heading.

“Some day I will think there will be people that do the hard work of digging through numbers and figuring out the story and making a bunch of calls and giving the report of the best information they have at the time,” said Miller during the discussion in response to a question from a Journal reporter. “I don’t know what form [journalism] will take.”

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Culture clubs cap off semester with celebrations

Students dance for Vietnamese scholarships

Katherine Yearwood
Journal Staff

Twenty flags of the Caribbean hung around Somerrome's basement as strobe lights lit up the blacked out room on Friday. The Caribbean Student Network (CSN) hosted their second annual show Africaribana to celebrate African, Caribbean and Hispanic heritage.

The roaring music announced to everyone that Suffolk was home to students who share the same idea, the same language. Some students even jumped in to dance together, socialized with one another and spoke in a variety of languages.

The music is a representation of what people from other countries are from, said freshman and social science major Waalger Charles. "I like how they had a variety of music when the dancers were performing." Students were served many different kinds of ethnic and cultural food throughout the night. CSN had brought up brownies, cookies, veggie quesadillas, mini Jamaican patties, fried chicken, veggie empanadas, beef teriyaki, chicken quesadillas, and sodas. DJ F.B. played a mixture of hip-hop and reggae as guests moved along with the rhythm of his beat.

"When People speak of Haiti they always say things such as third world country, or its poor, or the president is bad," said Lejeune. "I know growing up I was told to say that I wasn't Haitian, that I was Dominican because it was just so embarrassing. It's important to show people that we're more than what the news shows what the Internet shows."

While everyone from Suffolk, regardless of cultural or racial background, was present, the majority of people who attended were people of color. Many there wanted to share their culture and learn about the culture of others as a part of embracing who they are.

"That's the motherland, so I have to represent the motherland," said freshman CSN member Anya Mlinchev. "I feel like if you don't know where you started you won't be able to move forward." It was a night of peace and unity as people of all different ethnicities and races came together to celebrate and embrace each other. Due to the large interest in this event, the members of CSN plan to continue hosting the event.

Elvira Mora
Journal Contributor

Suffolk University's Vietnamese Student Association partnered with the New England Intercollegiate Vietnamese Student Association (NEIVSA) to host the 29th Annual Masquerade Ball.

The event was held in Suffolk's Somerset building and has been an annual fundraiser for the Dreams Scholarship, which offers high school seniors of Vietnamese descent an opportunity for higher education in New England.

Carla Huong, president of Suffolk Vietnamese Student Association, spearheaded the event's planning and organization.

"The whole team has been planning since the summer around July or August, and the organization of planning the event was spot on," said Huong. "This is also a huge opportunity to represent the NEIVSA, as well as Suffolk's own VSA, to receive a respected reputation. This ball is a way to connect within the community. I would definitely do the event again."

The objective of the Dreams Scholarship is to give back to the Vietnamese-American community in order to promote future leadership among their youth. The scholarship money was raised continuously from year-round fundraisers. The ball raised $3,500. All of the proceeds are going directly toward the scholarship, which will be given out this year.

"I think it went really well and I think it was a much better turnout than the previous years," said Huong. "We made over $3,500 so that let's us give five or six scholarships, versus two or three. All of the money that we raised is going to the scholarships for Vietnamese students to go to college."

Nancy Tran, the president of the NEIVSA, spoke briefly about the mission of the organization. Tran explained how important the event is to benefit Vietnamese high school seniors and help them pursue higher education.

"I am so happy to see so many schools coming together to celebrate this community," said Tran.

The line for admission into the ball was wrapped around the staircase of the Somerset building. One step through the door, and multicolored lights were seen flashing over smiling faces as excitement permeated the room. Friends came together and embraced each other. The dance floor was packed with more than 230 people dancing to the blaring music provided by DJ LETHO.

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Africaribana highlights heritage and unity

Katherine Yearwood
Journal Staff

Africaribana highlights heritage and unity just want to have fun," Keynessa Nazaire. "We're that highlight Caribbean culture and where they grew up. I was told to say that I wasn't Haitian, that I was Dominican because it was just so embarrassing. It's important to show people that we're more than what the news shows what the Internet shows."

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Hurricane season is over

Cuban-American student recalls the ramifications of Castro’s life, death

Bruce Boring
Journal Contributor

Nov. 26, 2016 is a day that I will never forget.
It is a day that no Cuban-American will ever forget. It is a new day of hope for the future of Cuba and our people. Fidel Castro was a man who set out on a mission to save our country from being exploited by criminals and corruption. I hear the stories from Abuela, my grandmother, as if it were yesterday for her. Fidel brought a message with him a message that Cuba could rise up and meet its true potential and we would take our country in a better direction. We bought the message. Cubans were tired and wanted more, and it was more than we bargained for.

Slowly but surely, our people watched as our rights were stripped away one by one. We were no longer able to speak a certain way. We were no longer able to live a certain way. We were no longer able to eat a certain way. We lost our freedoms, but we never lost our spirit.

My Abuela became increasingly heartbroken as she witnessed her home deteriorate, so she decided to leave. She was among the last of the people to leave Cuba into the United States under a sponsorship program. My grandfather, like countless others, left as a political refugee.

Across social media this past week there has been a great deal of discussion about Fidel, and whether or not he was a good man. Fidel Castro indeed made Cuba into more than just a tourist trap and criminal haven as he got rid of the criminals. He created universal healthcare within the country and free education, even on through the collegiate level, but is this enough to exonerate him from the massacre of those who didn’t agree with his message? Are we to turn a blind eye to the crimes against humanity since he gave his people healthcare? There is more to a leader than what resources they can provide; it also important how they lead the people that they are responsible for. This is a lesson that Cubans learned the hard way.

Over the years, we managed to keep in contact with our family in Cuba. The government pays careful attention to communication that leaves Cuba and information that leaves Cuba. Abuela has told me countless stories about letters she received with entire sentences crossed out with marker and phone calls cut short, usually before five minutes. When something was sent, they snuck in phrases such as “There’s a hurricane coming” in either a letter or phone call to warn us that something was going on. Usually it was political.

We oftentimes tried to send things like medication and vitamins in hopes that they will not be confiscated. We do not have guarantees and it can get expensive, but we try. We won’t leave them behind. They always support us and cheer us on from afar, and constantly tell us that they hope one day to meet my parents, my brothers and I.

My hope is that, absent Fidel, Cuba can freely grow strong; that my people will have a chance to be free, and that one day I can freely walk in a place that has molded me from afar.

MALTA | THERAPY

In Malta, a bill banning gay conversion therapy passed by a unanimous vote on Tuesday making them the first European country to do so. The new law prevents anyone from trying to “change, repress or eliminate a person’s sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression,” and offenders will be fined or jailed for up to a year, according to Malta Today. The bill also asserts that “no sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression constitutes a disorder, disease or shortcoming of any sort.” Advocates for gay conversion therapy claim the use of customary psycho-therapeutic and counseling techniques that will cause people to reduce their “homosexual tendencies” on their own free will, according to BBC News. In 2014 more than a dozen psychiatric organizations in the U.K. signed an agreement that called the practice “potentially harmful and unethical.”

EGYPT | ORGAN TRAFFICKING

At least 25 people including doctors, nurses, and professors have been arrested by Egyptian authorities, suspected of being involved in an international organ trafficking ring. BBC News reported that The Administrative Control Authority said that group was the largest international network for trading organs. The underground network targeted was “made up of Egyptians and Arabs taking advantage of some of the citizens’ difficult economic conditions so that they buy their human organs and sell [them] for large sums of money.” The arrests on Tuesday included organ buyers and middlemen. Despite efforts made by the United Nations to dismantle the trade, hundreds of poor Egyptians continue to sell organs each year to buy food and pay off debts, according to BBC News.
Suffolk alums in band Jack Romanov dedicate performances to ACLU

By Felicity Otterbein

From left to right: Michael Mirabella, Nick Aikens, Esteban Cajigas and Nico Renzoulli

Last night the band dedicated everything made from merchandise sales and tips along with anything else that was collected at the door to the ACLU.

"Obviously we don't have the largest platform in the world yet, but especially as our platform is growing we want to make sure that we're doing things to kind of give back while this is really cool for us and we love that people come out and support us. We also want to support the community that we're a part of," said Sousa.

Get to know “Jack Romanov” and its Suffolk alum

From rehearsing inside Suffolk University's LSO Penthouse Studios' halls basement to now rehearsing and recording in a funeral home parlor, the band Jack Romanov has dedicated the last few years to music. Three of the boys met at Suffolk during their freshman year and maintained the same energy despite their singer, Nick Aikens, transferring to Berklee College of Music. Since graduating from Suffolk in 2015, each member has headed in a separate direction for work but have all returned to each other to continue their music.

"It's been weird, graduating has been a weird experience," said bass and synth player Esteban Cajigas in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

The struggle to maintain rehearsal schedule while balancing work and "real life" stresses has been difficult, but it has not put any kind of damper on the band's energy and motivation.

Since September (2016) we've been rehearsing twice a week, and finding another day during the week to record. We've been recording for a year and a half," said Cajigas.

The name Jack Romanov actually originated with Cajigas. It was his pen name in high school and he would also use it during poetry readings.

The biggest wave the band is currently riding on is the latest YouTube collaboration with the largest platform in the world yet, but especially as our platform is growing we want to make sure that we're doing things to kind of give back while this is really cool for us and we love that people come out and support us. We also want to support the community that we're a part of," said Sousa.

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If Brandon Flowers from The Killers and Lana Del Ray decided to collaborate, the end result would be exactly the sound of Jack Romanov. Their eclectic ensemble is haunting and impossible to forget. Comprised of a bass, a synth, a guitar, a keyboard and a set of drums, the quartet produces song after song, each one more complex than the last.

Lead singer and keyboardist Nick Aikens gave an enchanting performance and demanded attention on stage. His low and soulful voice paired with the chilling music provided by Cajigas and Mirabella on the bass, synth and lead guitar respectively provided the audience comprised of friends and families with a memorable performance.

Ashlee Mirabella was a tornado on stage. Twirling around a tangled guitar cable on the stage floor sock-footed, it looked like at any moment he would surely trip and fall with heavily stickered guitar in tow.

However, he remained completely vertical the entire performance and was a huge stage presence with his jumping and spinning around the tightly confined space.

The rhythm section, made up of Cajigas and and Nico Renzoulli on the drums provided heartbreak-altering beats and dance-y undertones to the otherwise dark playlist.

During their set they played some new songs that were released on Tuesday. Among those new songs were catchy beats and sounds with heavier pop-influence.

At this show, like many before it, the band was raising funds to donate to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), an organization the band feels passionate about.

"We try to stick with things that are more ingrained in music and also charity because we're a band and that's what we do," said band manager Ashley Sousa.

"I think that if you look at any person or any band all really like to give back when they can and do things like that."

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Suffolk alum band set to release new music, new multimedia projects

From BAND page 7

were recording their own covers of it, and when we realized that the song was everywhere we decided to get it mastered right away and we released it a week later,” said Cajigas.

Cajigas said that a lot of the band’s unique sound stems from the four members having different tastes in music. Their sound is influenced by pop, metal, electronic and punk. At one point, VanyaLand online magazine said the band “reflects the modern schizophrenia of pop.” According to Cajigas, the band took that label well and has fully embraced it, enjoying that their sound comes from many different places. Cajigas told The Journal that every song that they have released so far has been approached differently based on the member's tastes.

“Before it was breakups and things in everyday life, this time we decided to do was recognize that we all like different kinds of music. We wanted to help each other capture what we have for each song,” said Cajigas. This new EP will have themes relating to growing up and dealing with life after graduation.

Coming off of a tour of the East Coast earlier this year, Cajigas said the band is focusing on the next chapter. The band is looking to release new music soon, as well as new multimedia projects including a short film. They recently released the trailer for the film on their Facebook page and according to Cajigas, the film will be accompanying the released music. Jack Romanov is also booking a tour in March and are hoping to travel to the Midwest.

“Their other focus is raising funds and awareness for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).” Most of the shows we have coming up are raising money for the ACLU,” said Cajigas. “We’re trying to do more work that will benefit our community.”

Jack Romanov released their song “Radio” on Tuesday and it can be streamed on their SoundCloud account at www.soundcloud.com/jack_romanov/radio-1.

Morgan Hume
Journal Staff

For the first time in history, an award-winning Broadway musical has created a mixtape. Lin-Manuel Miranda released a new album filled with remixes and covers of the beloved Grammy-winning soundtracks that he created, “Hamilton: An American Musical,” and arguably produced one of the most collaborative albums.

Miranda, known for his traditionally unorthodox hip-hop and rap influenced delivery, met Broadway afame again with “Hamilton,” a nontraditional musical about the life and death of the American founding father Alexander Hamilton.

The show revolves around Hamilton and his untold story around the formation of what is now present-day America. During his journey to becoming a prominent political figure, the public release of his affair leads to the beginning of his political downfall. His untimely death follows after a duel with vice president and foe Aaron Burr.

The lifelong journey of Alexander Hamilton is told through himself and the eyes of others in his life. After “Hamilton” became a sensation on Broadway, Miranda announced in early November that the show would also be releasing a mixtape. In a flurry of tweets he said that for the mixtape, popular musicians would be interpreting the songs from the musical as their own, so they could put their own personal twist on the music:

Famous performers including Kelly Clarkson, Sia, Alicia Keys, Chance the Rapper and The Roots are featured on different tracks.

One of the first songs to be released was Kelly Clarkson’s adaptation of “It’s Quiet Uptown,” originally performed by Renee Elise Goldberry. If it was to be played on the radio, it could easily be disguised as her latest pop single instead of a Broadway show-tune. In the musical, the song is sung by Alexander Hamilton, his wife Elizabeth Schuyler and the ensemble after the death of their son Phillips. Clarkson is a featured soloist on the new album, and this rendition shows off her raw voice and expansive vocal range.

Another remarkable song from the album is John Legend’s cover of “History Has Its Eyes On You.” Legend slowed down the tempo from the original song, allowing his smooth voice to beautifully sail over every note. He gave the track more of a jazzy vibe, emphasizing the piano more than the other instruments. Legend completely changed it from the musical’s version, but even though it’s different, it worked in his favor. The song would be suitable in a coffee shop or other intimate venue.

The renewal of “Say No To This,” by Jill Scott will resonate with every woman who has been cheated on because it shows the side of the affair that no one seems to think to ask about. In reality, both parties are at fault when it comes to an affair, yet the one who is hurt almost exclusively blames the one who has done the cheating, rather than the one they cheated with.

The original song is a narration of Hamilton’s decision to not marry a woman outside of his marriage and evokes representations of anger and resentment that are still being held onto by listeners.

Overall, the mixtape is a unique album because it not only features catchy, upbeat hip-hop and rap songs, it is something a Broadway musical has never done before. Miranda did not throw away his shot to make a fresh and fun album for all to enjoy. Each artist showcases their talent and personality as they add their own creative spin on the well-known songs. Listeners simply won’t be able to say no to this.

The album was released on Dec. 2 and is now available to be purchased or streamed on Spotify.

ARTS BRIEFS

Jimmy Kimmel named Oscars host

It has been announced that comedian Jimmy Kimmel will front the Oscars on Feb. 26. Kimmel confirmed on Twitter, “Yes, I am hosting the Oscars. This is not a prank. And if it is, my revenge on @TheAcademy will be terrible & sweet.” In the past, Kimmel has hosted the American Music Awards and the Emmy’s twice, in 2012 and 2016. Since 2003, Kimmel has hosted an hour-long nightly talk show, Jimmy Kimmel Live! He is known for his segments that feature celebrity guests reading mean tweets and parents filming their children’s reactions to being told that their Halloween candy had been eaten. He has also made cameo appearances in films including Pitch Perfect, Ted 2 and television shows such as Sesame Street and Entourage. The Oscars will be streamed on ABC.

Beyonce nominated for nine Grammy’s

Beyonce extends her lead as the most nominated woman in Grammy history with nine nominations this year. She is up for nomination for Album of the Year for critically acclaimed visual album, “Lemonade,” which addresses themes of race and female identity. Her single “Formation” is also nominated for Song and Record of The Year. In all three categories she is up against Adele, who won all three in 2012. As a solo artist and as part of Destiny’s Child, Beyonce has had 62 Grammy nominations, making her the fourth most nominated artist of all time, according to BBC News. She has yet to take the title of Album of the Year, losing it to Beck in 2015, much to the dismay of Kanye West, who stormed off the stage after the announcement. The Grammy’s will be streamed on Feb. 12 on CBS.
Both sides to blame: The abuse of political labels

"We've each chosen a party, studied its talking points and stuck our fingers in our ears"}

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The 2016 presidential election, which has gone down as one of the most bizarre and divisive elections in recent American history, has finally come to an end. Still, the country continues to face political unrest as the bitterness on both sides of the political spectrum fails to subside. Protests and marches were held across the country for several days after the election in disapproval of the President-elect. Hate-crimes against minorities Trump has spoken out against throughout his campaign are also on the rise, with hundreds of reported incidents seen in the first 10 days following the election.

Whether or not Americans are in fact more staunchly divided politically now than in the past, we are certainly less shy about showing it. The election summer of this election was about more than just politics; it was personal. We told ourselves that the decision we faced was not between good politics and bad politics but between good and evil. When each side considered the opposing candidate a grave threat to the country's very moral framework, they began to wonder how any of their friends, family or neighbors could possibly support such a person. There is a multitude of factors that led to our situation, but there is one that prevents progress from ever starting, and for which both sides are to blame: the abuse of political labels.

Political labels, when used properly, serve an important function. They are a convenient way for people with like-minded individuals to organize. When abused, however, they come with dangerous consequences, as seen in the current political climate. We no longer organize so that we can debate opposing viewpoints together; we do it to create an isolated political comfort zone, where we only need to interact with people wearing the same label as ourselves.

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By Facebook page Hillary Clinton

Revising the recycling efforts at Suffolk

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Suffolk University is known to be a great school in its sustainability efforts and has received various awards and recognitions since the mid-2000s. For example, this year Suffolk was rated by the Princeton Review to be in the top 361 Green Campus Colleges out of over 2,000 surveyed. This review was broken down not just by recycling, but also by the school’s overall sustainability such as offering classes geared toward a greener environment and energy efficient buildings. However, there is some disconnect between the praise the university has received and the lack of recycling representation on campus.

Recycling bins are located in every building on campus in hopes to increase student and faculty recycling yet the Suffolk recycling website has not been updated since 2012. Additionally, the university’s last recycling plan was for 2015, which means that no new programs have been put in place for at least a year. The Journal reached out to the Facilities Office but as of recent has not received a reply.

One maintenance worker, who is stationed in the Modern Theater and 10 West residence halls, said to a Journal reporter that they take the recycling and trash downstairs to the maintenance room and sort them into different bigger bins, depending on if the waste is recyclable or not. Then, every Tuesday and Friday the recycling is brought off campus to be recycled through an outsourced company. Trash is picked up every day, and on days where both recycling and trash are taken out, separate trucks take the sorted waste.

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) reported that for 2016, Suffolk is "composting".
Suffolk University’s enrollment has declined from the last school year by six percent, according to The Boston Business Journal. Prospective students and their families considering our school have no doubt followed this precarious position and considered how it will affect their student’s college career.

Suffolk has made some important, beneficial moves over the past couple years by upgrading its classroom space and athletic facilities, but a slew of short-term presidents and an ineffective Board of Trustees have kept the university, as a whole, spinning its wheels. As students, we must continue to pressure Suffolk’s administration and Board of Trustees to guide the school toward stable governance and a turnaround in our public image. We have committed years of our lives to studying, learning and preparing for our careers at this institution. To watch our school losing ground and shrinking is disheartening.

Beyond that, Suffolk is a school worth attending. It has distinguished itself through its powerhouse political polling center, its alumni’s presence in state government and its prestigious law school.

Suffolk’s history and value as an institution have much to offer interested students, and deserves to attract many more for years to come. In the end, it’s the academic community that defines the school, not the administrators.
**Rams look for season turnover**

Despite their month-long losing streak, the Suffolk University men's basketball team looked toward improving their record this season.

The Rams currently stand with a 1-6 record this season as of Tuesday night.

The team opened up their season on Nov. 15 at Red Auerbach Arena versus Brandeis University. The Rams played hard, but it was not enough to top the Owls as they dropped the game with a score of 78-76. Sophomore shooting guard Michael Hagopian had a career-high game, scoring 17 points. He also added a 7-of-13 shooting effort from the field, three rebounds and two assists. Suffolk outscored Brandeis 32-20 with points in the paint. Sophomore guard Jim Djema made his first collegiate start for the Rams. He also had a big night for the Rams, scoring 16 points and notching three rebounds. Suffolk had a shooting percentage of 0.59 from the field, but fell short on scoring from a three-point range as the Rams went 7-for-24, 29.2 percent.

Suffolk skidded into their next four games with defeat. Their first home game resulted in a close loss against rival Emerson College, 78-72. In the first minutes of play, Suffolk found themselves trailing 11-4. By halftime the Rams trailed by only two with a score of 41-39. At 15:09 in the second half, Suffolk took the lead 59-55, but Emerson came back to tie the game and take the lead. With one minute remaining, Suffolk came within three points of their opponent, but could not capitalize. Sophomore forward Steven DiPrizio once again had a career-high night for Rams scoring 22 points and making 13 rebounds.

The Rams finally came up with their first victory of the season against Wheelock College, 63-48. At the start of the game, Wheelock took a 7-2 lead, but the Rams quickly bounced back into the game. By halftime, Suffolk had the lead with a score of 29-22.

"Our first win felt great. The game against Wheelock [College] was one of our best defensive performances as a team so far," said freshman guard Jonathan Eng to The Suffolk Journal. "We still have room to improve, but the win definitely helps us and hopefully we can continue building and using the momentum."

Eng shot 3-for-3 from the field and was 2-for-2 from the three-point range. DiPrizio contributed 19 points and 17 rebounds. He also had his second double-double performance of the season and was perfect from the line.

In an interview with The Journal, DiPrizio said that while this season has not started off the way the team wanted, he has seen major improvements each time they take the court. He said that while their record does not reflect a successful run so far, each game has been so close in scoring. For the 2016-17 season, the Rams have welcomed in nine freshmen to their program.

The sophomore also talked about how unusual it is to only have one senior on the team. He said that it is nice to have someone with experience to guide the younger guys.

With a lack of seniority, due to graduated players at the end of last season, Hagopian said that many of the sophomore players, including himself, have had to take on the leadership role themselves to help the new players on the team this year.

"Our team's biggest strength is our depth. All of our players are capable of providing very productive playing time to help us win games," said DiPrizio. "Our team's biggest weakness is our youth and inexperience. Since we are young, we still have a tremendous amount to learn about the game."

Hagopian, who has been playing basketball as a second grade, reflected on how young the team is compared to last season. Hagopian looks forward to watching all of the freshman in the current roster grow throughout their collegiate careers in the basketball program at Suffolk.

"All of them are like our little brothers. We treat them like family, along with spending a lot of time with them outside of basketball," said Hagopian in an interview with The Journal. "They are all progressing at a fast rate, which makes me proud and I love to see it."

"We have some guys on this team that play their hearts out, at a very high speed every time they are on the floor," said Hagopian. "They are tenacious on defense and very unselfish players. We are a very selfless team, which is great."

As for goals this season, Hagopian said that the team only has one and it is a big one.

"The team's goal this season is to play the best basketball that we can play, and to win the [Great Northeast Athletic Conference] GNAC," said Hagopian. "We know we are young and that it may take time, but we think that time could be now, so that is what we strive for."

The Rams look to improve their record in their next home game on Wednesday against Norwich University at 5:00 p.m.

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In the NEWS

- Freshman guard Thomas Duffy of the Suffolk men's basketball team was honored the GNAC Corvias Rookie of the Week. Duffy has an average of 4.9 points per game.

- Suffolk University's men's ice hockey team lost to Southern New Hampshire University by a score of 5-2.

- The New York Yankees will retire Derek Jeter's No. 2 jersey on May 14.

- The Boston Red Sox traded first and third baseman Travis Shaw to the Milwaukee Brewers and in return received reliever pitcher Tyler Thornburg on Dec. 6.

- The Boston Red Sox received Chicago White Sox pitcher Chris Sale on Dec. 6.

- The Boston Red Sox signed former Texas Ranger first baseman Mitch Moreland.

- The New England Patriots wide receiver Danny Amendola suffered a high ankle injury during the team's game against the Los Angeles Rams and will be out for the rest of the regular season.

- The Boston Celtics fell short to the Houston Rockets on Dec. 6 with a final score of 107-106.

- The Boston Bruins forward Matt Beleskey obtained a lower-body injury that will take him off the ice for the next six weeks.

- The Boston Bruins defeated the Florida Panthers 4-3 in overtime on Dec. 5.

- At the Boston Bruins vs Florida Panthers game on Dec. 5, the ceremonial puck honored the 2016 Summer Olympians from New England: Kayla Harrison, Hugh Freund, Aly Raisman, Tessa Gobbo and Greivis Stone.

Dynamic trio rebounds back into season

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The Suffolk University women's basketball team plans on uniting together in order to secure a winning record this season. Alex Clarke, Kelsey Schiebel and Georgia Bourikas will lead the team this year as senior captains. The team stands with a losing record of 3-4, but the captain trio does not doubt that they will be able to obtain a winning record by the end of the season. They managed to pull short to Wesleyan, Colby-Sawyer, Emmanuel and Framingham State.

"I don't think any of our losses have to do with effort," said Schiebel in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Friday. "Wesleyan, we came back from a huge 20 point deficit. Emmanuel is just our rival team, and that takes everybody's complete utter focus, and I think we brought our game. Colby-Sawyer, I think was just a mental lapse, not only did we not bring 100 percent, but our mental effort and toughness were off that game."

The Lady Rams look to improve their record with a win on their home court against Johnson & Wales University on Dec. 7.

"We've lost to the teams that we are 'supposed to lose to,' but I think that we can turn our season around," said Schiebel. "Overall, as long as we stick together this team will have a winning record."

The captains emphasized the importance of every member on the team contributing and sticking together. Basketball is a team sport and the trio has recognized and plans to use it to their advantage. "I feel like everybody plays their best game when the intensity and energy are up, because that's when good things start to happen," said senior captain Clarke in an interview with The Journal. "That's the best feeling. So I think to maintain that level of engagement is huge, that's when good things start to happen."

Being such a young team, with seven freshmen, Clarke explained that college basketball is very different from high school, but the team has managed to slow their pace down this season in order to keep everyone on the team up to speed. "As a team I think we are becoming a lot more cohesive, which hopefully is going to ultimately lead us to being successful this season," said Clarke. "Everyone is sort of coming into their own status or position on the team."

With the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championship in mind, each captain recognized a role they have. "On the court, I definitely don't play into my emotions as much, well I try not too," said Bourikas in an interview with The Journal. "Especially with big games you realize that you are in the role where you have to put the team first, you can't really be thinking about yourself. It's whatever the team needs that you have to fulfill."

Being a captain is a role that each of the three ladies not only obtain on the court, but also off the court. "I feel like we are all trying to be good role models for a lot of younger kids," said Schiebel. "We really try to get everybody to buy into the team rules. It doesn't matter how much you play, we are a team, and everything that we do needs to be standard rules across the board."

Taking on the role of a captain gave each senior more responsibilities as a member on the team. They explained that they are the individuals that their teammates go to when in need of assistance, whether it would be basketball related or not. The captain title did not bring on any major adjustments for the three lady Rams. "I feel like sometimes you don't have to be a captain for people to listen to you," said Schiebel. "We have a team where a lot of individuals are really outspoken and everybody kind of respects anything anybody has to say. Somebody that's not a captain can say something before a game and everybody is expected to respect them.

The captains stressed the importance about bonding as an entire team, but team member, Alexandria Nagtig, praised the trio in an interview with The Journal. "Kelsey, Alex and Georgia are all around team players and they lead the team by example on and off the court," said Nagtig. "All three of them bring different aspects of leadership to the team with one common goal and that is to win games."

The trio wants what is best for the team. They hope to generate the positive results necessary to have a successful season. Their overall goal is to have a successful season accompanied by no regrets.

"This year is an entirely different team," said Bourikas. "As a team, we are really big into sticking together. Our true colors as a team and our chemistry will be shown on the court this season."