Shaun King draws parallels to civil rights’ past

Alexa Gagosz
Editor-in-Chief

In the search for the seventh leader of Suffolk University since 2010, the university launched an official global Presidential Search Committee last summer without a deadline or timeline to the project led by Board of Trustees member and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee John Brooks. As of early this week, however, they are still conflicted whether or not they want to hire a search firm to begin the process.

On Feb. 1, Brooks sent an email to the members of the Suffolk community, which said: “we will be moving forward to select a search firm with

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Search for next leader still at starting gate

Next steps for the Presidential Search Committee to find the university’s next commander could serve as the ultimate test for Suffolk.

Nathan Espinal
Journal Staff

On Wednesday, as part of Black Her/History month, keynote speaker Shaun King took the opportunity to share with the audience stories of his life as an advocate as well as the injustices he fights against.

King spoke about the moments in his life that have made him into the person that he is today. His role as an activist began at Morehouse College, participating in protests against police brutality. King also addressed the protests that occurred in Boston in reaction to executive orders signed by President Trump.

“I don’t think you need inspiration that much. I think we’ve all inspired. When I saw the pictures of the Women’s March in Boston it shocked me because it was enormous, it was massive,” said King during the event. “When I saw the protests at Logan Airport, it taught me a lot. It taught me about the heart of people in Boston, and showed me that people here are sufficiently frustrated, immersed, but all that goes to inspiration as well.”

After receiving his degree, King worked as a high school history and civics teacher. Later, he worked for many charities based in Georgia. One charity allowed him to visit prisons and detention centers, offering counseling to prisoners. It was during his time counseling teenagers, who committed petty crimes that harmed no one, that King developed a deeply rooted passion to fight injustices that he saw in America.

These experiences built King a reputation and following that established him as an influential figure in the world of social justice advocacy. Currently, King is the senior justice writer at the New York Daily News, a regular political commentator for the Young Turks and vocal supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement.

These experiments service Black Student Union, Office of Student Leadership and Involvement, Sociology Department and the Center for Women’s Health & Human Rights, he shared with the audience his thoughts on how he measures his actions.

“I’ve asked myself

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“When people say our justice system is broken, I say, ‘No, it functions the way it was designed.’

“Some people say America is a melting pot, but I say America is a black box theatre. It brings light to otherwise dark, black box theatre.

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Stay tuned: Black History Month celebration.

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Coming up: The evolution of Suffolk’s Hockey program.

See story next week.

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EDITOR’S WORD

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Flynn's departure causes Suffolk's international community to weigh in

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President of the Business School's alumni board and co-chair of the New York alumni chapter William A. Popoleski, Jr. has been recently elected to the Suffolk University Board of Trustees. Popoleski, who is a Suffolk alumnus, earned his MBA from the Sawyer Business School. The new trustee has been signed to a five-year term and has had experience in the business world as an entrepreneur and technology executive. Popoleski Jr. works at his management consulting firm BIP Global Solutions to improve the quality and productivity of employees, processes and technology of his financial security company clients. He had also established a scholarship in his name in order to provide for students at Suffolk's Business School, and has been continuously involved with the university for the past 20 years.

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKS ON NEW PLAN

Suffolk Sociology professor Carolyn Boyes-Watson has teamed up with the university's Center for Restorative Justice to implement practices to combat the "school-to-prison pipeline." The approach poses a model that practices to combat the "school-to-prison pipeline." The approach poses a model that

Boynes-Watson, who is the Center's founder and director, has lead this program that conducts one and two day restorative justice training workshops to include alike programs, with one result leading to a custodian being assisted to fix a sink by the same student who broke it.

ALUMNA FIGHTS FOR WOMEN, AMERICAN DREAM

Suffolk alumna Patricia Falvey has published two tales of Irish romance, with two more staged to be published in the future. Falvey's career began with a friend's suggestion and traveled to Suffolk alumni Patricia Falvey has published two literary agents on a chance encounter, and her life. Falvey met a woman who introduced her to two literary agents on a chance encounter, and her life.

Boston’s walk for homelessness endures chills of February

Morgan Hume
Journal Staff

Winter months in Boston can be treacherous for the city’s homeless community, as some struggle each day to find shelter and warmth in the freezing weather. Participants in the inaugural Winter Walk braved the cold temperatures on Sunday morning as they made their way through the streets of Boston to raise awareness about the challenges homeless people face and to fundraise to help end the fight against homelessness.

“We are asking people to learn more, to learn about homelessness, share our stories, and partner organizations providing services to the homeless community, like the Immigrant Aid Society, to look a homeless person in the eye and learn their story,” said Zakim, one of the co-founders of the Winter Walk, said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal before the event. “We are challenging people to walk with us, not to walk by.”

The two-mile long walk took about one hour and 20 minutes. It began in Copley Square, looped through the Boston Public Garden and the Boston Common and returned back to the starting point.

It was supposed to be raining and sleeting, and I tried to get a couple friends to come with me, but they were like ‘it’s going to be bad weather.’ That’s what homeless people have to do all the time,” Phelan said.

When the participants returned to the starting point around 10 a.m., they were greeted with a community breakfast outside Trinity Church, live music and presentations from Winter Walk’s partner companies about the work they do and the impact they want to make. Although the walk helped spread awareness about homelessness in the city, some people believed that there were other ways the event could’ve been more effective and more interactive with the homeless community.

“I kind of feel like maybe supporting in a more active way, you know, it would be a lot better than just walking, but I do think it makes you realize how awful it would be to be one of those people who are homeless,” said Phelan.

Shelby Stepanian, 28, of Cambridge said in an interview with The Journal after returning to Copley Square. “Maybe it would make you be a bit more mindful when you’re walking by them every morning.”

Each walker donated $100 to participate in the event.

Local activists lead National Day of Jewish Action for Refugees

Nick Vievolos
Journal Contributor

Hundreds of Americans in cities across the country braved the weather on Sunday to take a stand for refugees in light of President Donald Trump’s actions centering around immigration.

A Boston rally was held at the base of the New England Holocaust Memorial near Boston’s Fanueil Hall Marketplace. The rally was hosted in part by Boston District 8 City Councilor Josh Zakim, and was organized as part of a larger effort known as the National Day of Jewish Action for Refugees, a day of protest organized by HIAS (formerly Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), a Maryland-based refugee advocacy group.

“Our new President’s executive orders fly in the face of the timeless American tradition of welcoming those who have fled the instincts of the immigrant, the refugee, the oppressed,” said Zakim to open the event. “We are here today to stand for the proud tradition of love, against discrimination and hatred. Right now, people are fleeing from war and famine; we’re facing the greatest refugee crisis since after World War II.”

The rally comes after a controversial first month in office for Trump, who has made headlines for his all-out war on immigration and anti-Muslim actions, this past week including the controversial ban that has halted some refugees and religious minorities from entering the United States and Mexico.

During an emotional speech, be told of the horrors his family faced in Poland. “While HIAS was able to save me and my brother, they were too late for my family,” said Manasse. “Even Franklin Roosevelt did not step in, so the ship went back to Germany, and my father died in Auschwitz in 1942.”

Just six at the time, Manasse and his brother were hidden in France. In 1945, the two brothers finally made it to the US. He urged lawmakers to rethink the ban and refugee policy.

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While Manasse, now 81, was able to make it out of Europe, his family wasn’t so lucky. His parents died in Auschwitz in the early 1940s after being rounded up and sent to the notorious death camp. “I’m here today as a Jew, an immigrant, and as a new American to raise awareness about our incredible tradition of love, against hatred. Right now, people are fleeing from war and famine; we’re facing the greatest refugee crisis since after World War II.”

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“Our solidarity in this cause, showing up at airports and at rallies, has given hope not only to those on shores far away, but also to the Muslim community here in Boston, those who work and live with you. You have given us hope.”
Dear Suffolk Students,

Since we all survived the snowy weekend, it is time to get back to work.

Nominations for the Annual SGA Leadership Awards opened on Tuesday, and we would like to encourage all students to participate.

SGA Awards recognize those students, clubs and administrators that go above and beyond in extra-curricular activities for the benefit of the Suffolk community. All students were emailed the link, but it can also be found on our social media @SuffolkSGA (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). We ask you all to take a few minutes and submit the names of those you think are most deserving!

All senator positions are open for the 2017-2018 school year and election packets are now available! Pick up your packets in the SGA office (Sawyer 324C), at the SLI front desk or at the HUB in 20 Somerset. Pick up your packet and make your voice heard in SGA!

Black Student Union's annual Black & White Affair is this Friday! All tickets are officially on sale now! Pick up your packets in the SGA office (Sawyer 324C), at the SLI front desk or at the HUB in 20 Somerset. Pick up your packet and make your voice heard in SGA!

This week is Commuter Student Appreciation Week! Look out for commuter centered programs all week put on by OCHIO. And for those students looking for apartments, be sure to check out Apartment Palooza on Feb. 28 in the Sargent Hall Function Room.

As always, the weekly SGA general meeting is Thursday from 12:15-1:30 in Somerset B18 and we encourage all students to attend.

The Student Government Association

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which to partner on this process."

Yet, on Tuesday morning, just two weeks after the email was sent, Brooks said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal that the Committee later in the day would be discussing how they wanted to move forward with that plan or not. The information that was deliberately kept on Tuesday night would be discussed with upper administrators and sent to the community later this month, according to Brooks.

"We will probably use a search firm," said Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Lamb in an interview late Tuesday night. "Until we find one though, it's not definite." Lamb went on to say that the Committee did not make the decision on Tuesday night of what firm to choose, however, they did discuss the process.

"It makes sense to spend the money to do the job right," said Lamb Tuesday night and said that he looked to find a candidate that would stay at Suffolk for a substantial amount of time. "I look at it as an investment."

The email that was sent on the first of the month continued and outlined feedback that students, alumni, faculty, staff and trustees provided in nearly 60 meetings throughout what Brooks called the "listening" phase of the search. In what has followed a tumultuous past six months surrounding former President Margaret McKenna and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees Andrew Meyer, the Committee said they collaborated with Suffolk community to define the ideal position profile to ensure the redirection of the public image of the university in the email. The description of the ideal candidate is said to be public in the coming weeks.

"None within the Suffolk community believe that partnering with a search firm will ultimately result in hiring of a president that is not completely for the Suffolk brand. Brooks, however, defended the Committee's decision if it was decided to partner with a firm. He said that the Committee would be in control of the firm and is only there to aid the search as most of those members on the Committee have full-time jobs themselves."

"At the end of the day it's really the Committee that is responsible to set the stage for what a search firm would do under our direction," said Brooks. "What we didn't want [before] was to get a search firm that was just going to go through the motions."

Brooks explained that the Committee would be looking for the firm to help with putting out advertisements of which candidates would eventually respond to, such as in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

"We're looking into having a group that can help us be efficient in our process," said Brooks. Brooks defined the six key themes that the next president should possess, according to the feedback the Committee has received: vision, trust, financial stability, collaboration (internal and external), brand building, best practices and transparency.

Brooks said that the Committee is looking to create a timeline in which they would accomplish items, but do not have any "hard, stopped deadlines."

"As we go forward, we want to make sure that we do this in the best possible way and follow through with what people call "best practices," said Brooks. "We'll get there when we get there. It's not like we have to get it done by some deadline because I think that it can easily get you into trouble as it may force compromise. We have no interest in that."

Acting President Marisa Kelly was appointed last summer when McKenna was ousted after a vote was conducted by the Board. Some sources within the university's upper administration said in an interview on Tuesday night that Kelly could be considered.

Brooks, however, said on Tuesday morning that the Committee has not received any resumes since there is not a description to apply to as of yet. Suffolk has been slandered by some for having seven presidents in as many years, but Brooks said he is ready to put a stop to it.

"When we finally get to the point when we're giving an offer to someone, we will have a level of commitment that they would have to be on board for," said Brooks who explained that the incoming president will be expected to stay for a minimum of five years, but ideally will be in Suffolk's top office for ten years.

"We all believe in this institution and we all believe this is a critical position. This institution cannot afford any missteps," said Brooks.

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Trump continues policy backpedal

Suffolk's Asia expert highlights latest presidential compromises

Over the past week, President Donald Trump has begun his inevitable invasion of the United States into the world of international diplomacy. The move has been met with mixed reactions, with some observers welcoming the increased involvement, while others warn of the potential for conflict.

Trump's move comes as the United States faces several critical challenges, including tensions with North Korea and China. The President has taken a hard line on these issues, threatening military action if necessary.

In his latest move, Trump has announced plans to invest $150 billion in infrastructure projects, including a high-speed bullet train. The move is seen as a significant step in the President's push to create more jobs and boost the economy.

The move has been met with mixed reactions, with some praising the move as a step in the right direction, while others warn of the potential for conflict. The move is seen as a significant step in the President's push to create more jobs and boost the economy.

During his campaign, Trump had emphasized the importance of infrastructure investments, and his recent announcement is seen as a fulfillment of that promise. The move is expected to create more than 700,000 jobs and improve the economy overall.

However, some observers worry that the move could lead to increased tension with China, which has been critical of the move. The Chinese government has expressed concerns about the potential for increased military activity in the region.

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The year of the rooster
Suffolk Law students celebrate Lunar New Year

ASSASSINATION | MALAYSIA

Kim Jong-nam, half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, was killed in an attack in Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur on Monday morning. The attack took place in a Malaysian airport when a woman covered Jong-nam’s face with a cloth soaked with an unknown liquid that burnt his eyes, according to the BBC. He died inside an ambulance on the way to the hospital. Authorities say at this time they do not have any suspects, however, they are looking into possible leads from witnesses.

MOB KILLING | AFGHANISTAN

A young couple was killed by a mob in Afghanistan on Monday after the eloped pair was kidnapped from a police station in Kabul. Fatima, 18, had been married against her will and, instead, eloped with a man in his early 20s, Hadiyatlullah. On Saturday, police arrested the couple on suspicion of adultery. While the couple was being held at the police station, a mob led by the young woman’s husband, his family, and her brothers and cousins stormed the police station, according to the New York Times. It is common in rural parts of Afghanistan for fathers to marry off their daughters without their consent, despite both Afghan civil law and Islamic Shariah law requiring consent from both parties. However authorities often side with the families, and honor killings that occur when an Afghan woman refuses the marriage are fairly common.

AVANCHE | FRANCE

Four snowboarders were killed by an avalanche in the French Alps on Monday. The four people include a 48-year-old man, his 15-year-old son, his 19-year-old step-son and their instructor, all of whom are believed to be French. The group had ventured off-piste when the avalanche struck at approximately 10 a.m. More than 40 rescue workers, aided by dogs, were involved in the search. The snowboarders’ bodies were located beneath more than six feet of snow near the Tignes Le Lavachet ski resort in the Claret Valley. A local National Police rescue worker believes the avalanche was caused by “shock waves across a thick slab of snow packed by strong winds,” according to a report by the New York Times. On Monday, the risk of avalanche was a third, according to the French avalanche association, and one to five according to MétéoFrance’s website.

WORLD BRIEFS

The organization also helped found the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), an organization which acts as a support system for Asian-American members of the American Bar Association (ABA).

By Facebook user Suffolk University Law School APALSA

Students relax in the Law School's main function room as a part of the dragon dance towered overhead.
ARTS & CULTURE

Student productions lighten the black box

Felicity Otterbein
Arts Editor

When presented with an empty and barren black box, some fail to see beyond the potential it holds. Some may look at it merely as a container to store things, others may not even give it a second glance. On the other hand, some may look at it like a blank canvas anxiously awaiting a new masterpiece to be displayed. At the Suffolk University’s Sullivan Theater, members of the theater department pounced on the opportunity to create their own masterpieces as part of Spring Showcase.

In a medley of four short productions, Suffolk students were able to transform one single black box into four completely different times, places and stories. Kicking off the evening was “The Lucid,” written and directed by junior theater major Matt Bittner. The short play follows a young man named Ray and the lofty concept of the afterlife; Bittner provides the audience with a potential scenario in which one might enter post-mortem. In this scenario, Ray, played by junior theater major Jack Aschenbach, has found himself seated interview-style in front of a woman seated at a desk named Dana, played by sophomore theater major Helen Brind’Amour. She politely asks Ray to answer a series of questions ranging from inquiring about his favorite color and to pick two options out of a list containing the words, “mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish.” Based on the answers Ray gives, the woman at the desk proceeds to give him one last decision to make— he must decide between a red panda and a squirrel. To this, he repeatedly questions where he is and why he is being subjected to such intense questioning. After an aggressive shouting match, Dana reveals to Ray that he has died in a car crash and is now seated in Reincarnation Services. These two options that Dana presented to Ray are what he must choose between to be reincarnated as, based on the answers that he provided in his initial questionnaire.

In a hysterical display of confusion and the lucidity, or have control of his dreams. The pair discuss life and what is worth living for while Ray decides that it would be better for him to start a new life as an animal with in what felt like a hazy dream-like trance. With the rise and fall of the action on stage, it was easy to get lost in the emotions that were hurled into the open space regarding love and loss. In a tumultuous and gripping scene, Bittner encapsulates the emotion that comes with losing a life and accepting death in one swift motion. After a quick scene change, the black box theater is completely stripped of Bittner’s play and re-set for “Something Went Wrong with the Mystery Machine,” written by senior theater major Ariana Messana and directed by senior theater major Jessica Hickey.

As a very loose jab at the infamous Scooby Doo and gang ensemble, this production follows alternate versions of Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy and Scooby in what appears to be a locked house with no obvious way out. The new gang is comprised of Rick, played by freshman theater major Kyle Salvaggio, Violet, played by sophomore undeclared major Allison Blackburn, Louise, played by freshman theater major Jessica Hickey, played by senior theater major Mickey Rodgers, Casey, played by junior politics, philosophy and economics major DJ Fabrizio and Sammy played by junior theater major Jacob Marino.

The gang seems to have no prior relationship with each other but...
The Titanic, lost love and a new storyline to the old tale

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quickly discover that they must stick together in order to survive an ever present "Monster," and to successfully escape the house they are trapped in. True to our fascination, there is a montage of the members running around terrified to ironically upbeat music through doors and crossing paths, ending up in a big coalition that results in half of the gang being reunited despite this unnamed but ever-present demon.

In a dramatic plot twist, some members turn against each other in the heat of the moment, and right at the peak of the climax, a blackout is cued and gunshots ring out. Scooby Doo, where are you? In yet another quick scene change, the black box is stripped once again and the stagehands zoom out behind the curtains and to redress the entire stage for the third production of the evening."

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Heartbreak is timeless and relatable to all those who have experienced it. However, it can only go one of two ways. Either the boy or the girl wins over the other’s heart after a montage of long walks in the rain and lonely coffee shop visits, complete with some sort of graphic apology or love confession, or ultimate tragedy sets in and heartbreak stems from permanent loss of love loved one which we’ve seen time and time again.

Author Scott Stevens opted for the latter in his historical novel, The Lost Deposition of Glynis Smith, McLean, a story of love and loss aboard the R.M.S. Titanic. The story itself follows Ireland native Glynis Smith, whom we get to know through her diary entries starting when she was eight-years-old in 1901 and ending when she is 17 and aboard the Titanic itself. She talks about her education and an excitement about growing up, her hopes of one day going to visit America and the unconditional love she has for her family.

Then, her life is changed when she meets the nature of Glynis’s" and Ian’s relationship over the documented years really makes the reader feel comfortable with the characters. There is never any kind of Hollywood-esque kind of cheesy romance where the girl is cute and quirky and her characteristics are an adorable mismatch in that they fall in love. Instead, the boy who is way out of her league and they bond over some obscure commodity that is such an amazing and interesting part of their characters who are easily accessible and relatable to all who have experienced the ups and downs of young love and friendship.

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Being a teenager, let alone a teenage bride, it’s easy to get caught up in the dramas of young love and passion which is why “The Lost Deposition” is such an amazing and interesting part of their characters who are easily accessible and relatable to all who have experienced the ups and downs of young love and friendship.

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Statement of candidacy:  

Vice President Daniel Gazzani begins campaign for President of SGA

Letter to the Editor

Dear Students,

It is with great excitement that I announce my candidacy for President of the Suffolk University Student Government Association (SGA). SGA is the organization that directly represents students here at Suffolk and acts as the voice of the student body. For the past academic year, you have had the honor of serving as your Vice President, but with the upcoming SGA elections, the time to elect the people who will represent you the next academic year is fast approaching, and it is very important that you all vote to make sure your voice is heard. During my time at Suffolk I have had the pleasure of meeting people from many different places and backgrounds. I believe that something that makes our university so special is that the people who comprise new home for our vibrant and diverse community. I personally am an international student who was born and raised in Venezuela. My parents were born in immigrant families in our country. My father’s side of the family emigrated from Italy shortly after the end of World War II, and my mother’s side of the family emigrated from Hungary shortly after the war as well. I often get asked by my peers why I am in SGA. A big part of why I am in SGA is for public service and for giving back to my community is because of the inspiration my family has been to me. Having Jewish-Hungarian grandparents who did not have the opportunity to power to implement change, we sure can influence it. I have seen members of the Holocaust and built a life in a new country. They have taught me how important it is to fight for you believe in.

My grandparents moved to Venezuela in search of a better life, which they had us, and new dictatorship took over our country. When I was a child, we lived in Venezuela, and not only because of my admiration for American politics but also because my parents wanted to keep me safe, which is not possible in a country where crime, corruption, food shortages and political instability now form part of people’s everyday lives. They wanted to give me the opportunity to also look for a better life, which I will be eternally grateful for.

When I came to the United States, Suffolk University had become not only the place I go to school, but also my new home. I always tell my friends at Suffolk who are students and not just because of my experience at American universities, but also because my parents wanted to keep me safe, which is not possible in a country where crime, corruption, food shortages and political instability now form part of people’s everyday lives. They wanted to give me the opportunity to also look for a better life, which I will be eternally grateful for.

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Dear Students,

It is with great excitement that I announce my candidacy for President of the Suffolk University Student Government Association (SGA). SGA is the organization that directly represents students here at Suffolk and acts as the voice of the student body. For the past academic year, you have had the honor of serving as your Vice President, but with the upcoming SGA elections, the time to elect the people who will represent you the next academic year is fast approaching, and it is very important that you all vote to make sure your voice is heard. During my time at Suffolk I have had the pleasure of meeting people from many different places and backgrounds. I believe that something that makes our university so special is that the people who comprise new home for our vibrant and diverse community. I personally am an international student who was born and raised in Venezuela. My parents were born in immigrant families in our country. My father’s side of the family emigrated from Italy shortly after the end of World War II, and my mother’s side of the family emigrated from Hungary shortly after the war as well. I often get asked by my peers why I am in SGA. A big part of why I am in SGA is for public service and for giving back to my community is because of the inspiration my family has been to me. Having Jewish-Hungarian grandparents who did not have the opportunity to power to implement change, we sure can influence it. I have seen members of the Holocaust and built a life in a new country. They have taught me how important it is to fight for you believe in.

My grandparents moved to Venezuela in search of a better life, which they had us, and new dictatorship took over our country. When I was a child, we lived in Venezuela, and not only because of my admiration for American politics but also because my parents wanted to keep me safe, which is not possible in a country where crime, corruption, food shortages and political instability now form part of people’s everyday lives. They wanted to give me the opportunity to also look for a better life, which I will be eternally grateful for.

When I came to the United States, Suffolk University had become not only the place I go to school, but also my new home. I always tell my friends at Suffolk who are students and not just because of my experience at American universities, but also because my parents wanted to keep me safe, which is not possible in a country where crime, corruption, food shortages and political instability now form part of people’s everyday lives. They wanted to give me the opportunity to also look for a better life, which I will be eternally grateful for.

My goal was to improve all of those things, and while SGA has not been able to change them, we have achieved great milestones and made progress towards achieving goals. I am happy to see how far we have come. However, we are not still not done. In his inauguration speech in 1961, President Kennedy discussed all the goals he had set for his administration. He said, "This will not be finished in the first one hundred days. It will be finished in the first one thousand days, nor in the life of this Administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin." In regards to these issues that affect student life here at Suffolk, I am proud to say that we have begun. Now, let us continue. There is still work to do with campus safety, overall student involvement, issues within the University, and our school’s administration. However, all these projects and goals that we set for ourselves cannot be accomplished alone, and this is why I need your help. I look forward to keeping serving the students of Suffolk University for the remainder of this semester and ask you to allow me the honor of serving you as your next Student Body President.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gazzani
EDITOR’S WORD

Throughout the confirmation hearings, the then-nominee Betsy DeVos, who practically paid her way to the Secretary of Education position, displayed her utter lack of experience in public education. Both her Inconsiderable absence of knowledge on education policy and what was the closest vote for a cabinet position in history should serve as a red flag to educators and students alike across this nation.

DeVos is unqualified, yet she was confirmed with an emergency vote from Vice President Mike Pence. This confirmation could have a strong impact on Suffolk University, specifically because of her sheer disregard for student loans and blindness to those who are not classified with the top one percent.

Instead, DeVos wants to further the Trump agenda and steer as far as possible from former President Barack Obama’s legacy. In her hearings, she stated her aspiration to move away from Obama’s commitment to fight against sexual assault on campuses. This should stand as a horror to the entire Suffolk community, a community that has worked to ensure that all students are safe on campus, including sexual assault victims.

Betsy DeVos does not stand for students who study within the United States and she does not stand for the diverse community that Suffolk has. The Suffolk Journal’s editorial board stands against the Secretary of Education.

– The Journal Staff

Sodexo food system seems overpriced

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Despite Sodexo’s bubbly slogan, promising to bring “quality of life services” to Suffolk, it seems as if Sodexo is more focused on making money off of college students rather than bettering their quality of life.

It seems many other schools have similar motives. Regardless of who is doing the work to prepare and cook the food, whether it be a corporate dining company such as Sodexo or work-study students alongside experienced cooks, there seems to be more money going directly to the university than is necessary. It seems a little excessive for a single apple or orange to cost $3.09 or a small bag of candy to cost $3.99.

Many other schools, like Boston University, have plans based off of a swipe system, allowing students to swipe into their dining hall and eat whatever they choose, costing them just one swipe. Depending on the meal plan they choose, students have a limited number of swipes per day - usually two or three. In contrast, Sodexo works off of an a la carte system, charging students for each individual item they purchase.

Sodexo’s meal plan system seems just a little bit harsher. The main difference between schools that work off of swipes and schools that work off of an a la carte system is that schools that use swipes usually have a cafeteria run by students alongside experienced kitchen workers, as opposed to schools that use corporate catering companies like Sodexo.

Compared to Boston University, whose cheapest yearly meal plan cost is $3,549, according to the Boston University website, Suffolk appears to be significantly more affordable. But is one plan necessarily better than another?

While Sodexo’s upfront meal plan cost is cheaper, Boston University, and other schools with similar meal plan systems, anticipate that students will eat as much as they possibly can at their school dining halls. Therefore, they increase the meal plan prices based on the premise they make to students that the students can have all they can eat, practically whenever they want.

Meanwhile, Suffolk students are forced to see the price of every individual meal they purchase and wind up feeling like they are spending an excessive amount on food. In actually, the money spent on food ends up being about the same; each school just has a unique way of disguising it.

The price of having a corporate company provide dining services for work-study students provide dining services is already worked somewhere into the price of room and board on the tuition bill. Both services are required to be paid for providing a service. But to Suffolk students, having the price of everything we eat right in front of our face before we purchase the food makes our meal plan system seem just a little bit harsher.

Keeping in mind transportation costs and labor costs, it is understandable why food would be somewhat highly priced when living on a college campus. Unfortunately, the excessively priced food appears as if college campuses are capitalizing on students through their dining services. Based on the cost of individual food items and meal plan prices, universities give the impression that they are related to students for sustaining their dining services.

Reduce, but not reuse and recycle our leaders

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can do whatever he wants to.

The reality is that we are not a business. We are not inanimate objects that can be pushed to the side and be complied. There are basic needs that many Americans live without, such as clean water in Flint, Mich, that Trump and many legislators are glazing over, so the people protest and rebel for their basic needs and rights.

It is difficult to fight for one’s rights in a country run by a uniform administration and legislation. When you are under represented or not portrayed at all, it is challenging to have hope in a place you love so much and to have hope in others, especially with no one in power to relate to.

Within the next few years, America must stand up and fight for their representation in politics. In recent times, many citizens have brushed politics to the side and Trump is the consequence of those actions. Americans must be more civically involved to create the nation they want to see.

There were 100 million people who did not vote in the recent presidential election, according to the Washington Post, leaving the country in shambles and many pointing fingers. The only ones who are to blame for such a divisive population are the ones who did not cast their vote and thus left many questioning the future of the U.S. Although we have had past mistakes with being civically involved, now is the time to change the past to have the future better represent U.S. citizens. In upcoming elections, it is necessary for all or the majority of Americans to be aware of politics.

It is time to take politics away from the white men.

By Facebook page Sodexo USA

By Facebook page Andy Borowitz
Cheer squad tuneful for varsity

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Cheerleader and junior Alex Turner said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal that joining the cheerleading team was easy, "You just have to go to the Nest in New Haven, Conn., and Fridays, Shoko said that they try to work out twice as practices times per week, but the important thing is to keep practicing every day with it," said Crampton. “It’s just making sure we are all up to speed and ready to hopefully start doing a pep rally. Shoko has even looked into some competitions already.

“ar right to the banner hanging in the Ridgeway gymnasium, with a final score of 54-49, the game was still going on when Bourikas and 63-56 win added to the 63-56 win for the Lady Rams. As of Tuesday, Schiebel now has a total of 258 points this season, averaging 10.8 points per game. "It made me feel extremely grateful," said Schiebel. "To look back on all the teammates and friends I've made and the support I've gotten from the coaching staff for the last four years.”

For many people, starting in 100 collegiate games would be a huge milestone, but Schiebel knew the cost against Emmanuel College for the Lady Rams. During the game, the team will cheer their seniors before they all make a run for the playoffs. "I'm trying not to think about it," said Schiebel. "All these games I’ve done, I’ve trained for them and the way I’ve trained them is extremely meaningful."

Schiebel said she has had too many memorable moments the past four years at Suffolk, but she’s most proud of her being on the starting five in her first starting five ever as a freshman and winning games with only seconds left. She also recognized Bourikas and senior forward Alex Clark. "We talk a lot about accomplishing things as a team, and I don't necessarily feel that we have yet," said Schiebel. "We’ve grown a lot as a team and have been really successful, but I think we all know that the ultimate goal or accomplishment that we feel is possible is winning the [Great Northeast Athletic Conference] Championship".

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Cheerleading stunts a comeback

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Sports Editor

After the 61-year varsity club officially concluded its program in 2010, senior Nicka Shoko wanted to re-introduce cheerleading again at Suffolk University.

The cheerleading club officially started back up last season and - they are looking to be recognized as a varsity sport this time around.

The team wanted to get everything up and running and see the cheer club grow," said Shoko in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. Hopefully (the cheerleading club) becomes a varsity sport.

The varsity club was founded in 1948. Former Athletics Director Jim Nelson, who is known as "Coach Nelson" at Suffolk, said that the club had little interest and fewer members than the athletics department had hoped for after the opening of the Ridgeway building on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1991. The club dissolved in the late 90s and was dissolved in the late 90s and again in 2000-01 before having the chance to compete again in 2009-10 for safety reasons. The team had little interest because of the risks of sustaining injuries while performing stunts, the athletics department ended the club in 2010 for safety precautions. The team was no no longer able to compete. Even when they practiced, a medical staff was unavailable to attend to the club on site due after hours.

Former cheerleading coach Karen Nelson, who coached the team during the 2009-10 seasons said in an interview with The Journal via email last April that the club was grounded because one of the athletes sustained a broken leg while stunting at practice.

"Unfortunately, Injuries in cheerleading are not uncommon, but I think the athletics department should have done more to prevent further injury, which brought them to the decision to ground the team," said Bennett. "Cheerleading is insanely competitive, the stunts get more dangerous and creative every year."

Nicka Nelson said that some of the difficulties the club faced were lack of sufficient practice time, as they practiced once a week on Sunday afternoons.

"The number of cheerleaders was probably at a minimum in terms of being able to do a certain number of stunts. I would like to," said Nelson in an interview with The Journal on Tuesday afternoon. "And then unfortunately, there were several injuries to some of the key personnel on it and the combination of numbers. Inadequate practice times and those injuries was that it was felt that for safety reasons that the program would be grounded at that time."

Nicka Nelson added that he is not sure that the program would be grounded at that time. In her last year coaching the team in 2009-10, Bennett said she had a meeting for returning and new members to explain the decision to ground the team, most of the girls walked out of the meeting.

"Grounding the squad prevents them from competing, and as a result no one wanted to try out," said Bennett.

The cheerleading club under Bennett's two-year era also had the challenge of getting practice time in Ridgeway as they were given only Sunday afternoons to practice. As a team that was looking to compete, Bennett said it was "nearly enough time to practice." The squad not only had to work around the practice times of Suffolk's varsity sports teams men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball, but intramural sports as well.

"This makes the team more prone to injury, and there was no medical staff on site, since it was off hours," said Bennett.

If practice had to be canceled or if a member missed a practice, the team would go two full weeks without practice at times during their season. In the practices missed, Bennett said that the club had to rework stunts and routines, which took time out of working on new routines and advancing stunts. They were unable to compete and perform as a team nationally and cheered at some home basketball games instead.

"Even before the team was grounded, it was hard to keep the squad together," said Bennett. "So, if the school wants to bring back a competitive cheerleading team, they need to invest the time and money into the program."

When asked on the possibility of the program getting grounded again, current head coach Tainara Giaconimi said that it was not "nearly enough time to practice" so much fun at cheer leading, because you meet new people, it's a good workout and conditioning. Some of the tools she will provide to the girls balance as well as to help the girls balance as well to build stronger muscles.

"With a lot of exercise and conditioning, we can keep this program running and be (just) as competitive as we can," said Giaconimi in a phone interview with The Journal on Monday afternoon. "I want this program to be successful as it can be."

Bestialism, starting cheerleading back up again as a way for the senior to get involved at Suffolk as a transfer student, Shoko thought of other Suffolk students who wanted to get involved in cheerleading, but could not.

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