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Kelly reflects on year as acting president, what's to come

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As this academic year draws near to a close, so does the first year of Marisa Kelly's stint as Acting University President. In a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal, Kelly reflected upon her time thus far in the high office—what has been accomplished as well as still needs to be worked on, the challenges she has faced and what her goals are going forward at Suffolk.

"I'm excited about everything we've accomplished together this year," said Kelly. "But I don't want that to suggest that I think everything is perfect. Every institution faces challenges, big and small, and you're no different in that every institutional leader acts or otherwise makes mistakes. I know I have made mine and I think in spite of all that, we've made real progress and I'm excited to be here and to have a part of that."

Major strides have been taken this year at Suffolk, Kelly explained. Whether looking back at the improvements in communication, the extension of the university's strategic plan or the achievements on the national rankings front by The Wall Street Journal and U.S. News, Kelly said that Suffolk has been "rowing in the same direction" together as a community.

With inclusivity and diversity a forefront in Kelly's idealism, one aspect that will always be a constant work in progress is the continuation of effective communication. The president's blog, "Momentum," is designed to have gained more feedback so that communicating with the Suffolk community was a two-way street. After the Presidential election of last year, Kelly spoke of the importance of conveying an accepting and supportive message to Suffolk important to foster a sense of community.

One personal challenge that Kelly highlighted in her transition from Provost to Acting President was the acclamation of a new role which provided new responsibilities and expectations. In the fall, Kelly said she believed she needed to be present on campus, to focus on internal communication with the university leadership since positions were filled with people that were not stationed at that role the prior year. "I was not new to the institution, but certainly new to this role. We were in a lot of personnel shifts in the fall that I think required us to really focus on being a team, and I think we did that pretty quickly," said Kelly.

Kelly also explained that she tried to not find herself at times in the transitional phase doing "two jobs at once" and instead focusing on her new role as opposed to her former. And as the beginning semester came, she was able to hone her energy and efforts on matters off-campus such as outreach programs, and external affairs.

Suffolk, who has long been a formidable law school, now has been recognized as a top-tier institution. Often, however, incoming students are swayed away from Beacon Hill by state schools and other private institutions in the area. Kelly affirmed that the factors that will attract students to Suffolk as opposed to a state school are not just the same attractive components that Suffolk uses to compete with other universities nationwide.

"It is that combination of faculty and staff engagement, experiential learning inside the classroom and outside of it across all four years that is distinctive," said Kelly. "There are places across the country certainly that do it well or even as well, but nobody does it better, and I would say that to anybody at any time."

At Suffolk, Kelly said the focus is on outcomes, the value of the experience provided for students, that is reflective of the university's values. With the luxury of Suffolk's geographical location, students from all socioeconomic levels are able to intertwine their academic schedule with jobs, internships, club activities and engagement with industries of the city, Kelly said.

"Boston is an international city with global corporations that are shaping the future of the world in a lot of ways," said Kelly. "I think that our students have the ability to directly engage with those entities while they are on campus, to take that experience and move forward with it after graduation. And that is something that we have always done it's been important to who we are."

Internationalizing Suffolk is another prominent priority of Kelly. She described not only the importance of recruiting international students, but providing global experience for all of Suffolk's students; exemplified by internships, study abroad programs, or the connectivity to the international community. Going forward, bridging the gap between Suffolk and Boston Public Schools through dual-enrollment programs can create a launching for students not only at the university but in their professional and personal lives. This summer, Kelly said she is excited for the permanent move of NESAD to the Sawyer building, and the continuation of progress on goals outlined in the strategic plan.

Over the course of the next year, Kelly hopes to implement significant elements of the pending recommendations from the diversity strategic plan, along with continued support of Suffolk’s faculty and staff from a professional development perspective. These facets, Kelly said, are important conditions vital to the university.

"It's a busy world and there's lots going on, but I have felt this year like there was a commitment across all constituencies, alumni as well, a real commitment across all constituencies to work together to move the institution forward; and to do what we've always done, which is to put the best interests of our students first," said Kelly.

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Tedx Talk discusses future economies

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A limitless future calls for endless possibilities, that of which today's society cannot predict with precise accuracy. Humans dream of what is not come, but are unable to truly see exactly what will transpire for our technological and economic sectors. Through space exploration and artificial intelligence, these dreamlike ideas can start to become a reality. Speakers conveyed this exact idea at Suffolk's TEDx Talks club, inaugural TEDx Suffolk University event on Monday, "Economies of the Future."

"We meet in a university noted for knowledge. We meet in a state known for progress," said Justin Park, the co-founder & president at intergalactic Education LLC.

Park, who is also tied to the Swiss Institute of Technology, NASA, and Allen Hamilton and International Space University, presented "Space World," about the benefits of continued space exploration. A paraphrased speech of former United States President John F. Kennedy was one of many mediums for this talk, as he said today's market can inspire the next generation of space travelers.

Park said the Apollo missions of the 1960s and 70s were ahead of their time, and prompted the belief that many young people could travel to space—a belief he said is nonexistent now. This lack of belief is not true, according to Park, who highlighted where the repetition of space missions will create markets. Insurance companies, intergalactic education programs, professional sports and the use of lawyers are just a few examples Park gave to illustrate the number of industries that can be accessed by space exploration.

"I believe a Renaissance in manufacturing will happen that is equivalent to the original Industrial Revolution," said Park during his talk.

A pre-recorded talk from writer and blogger Tim Urban addressed an issue that many people deal with, procrastination. Urban described what he said are two types of procrastination: one who is incited, and subsequently panics, by deadlines in the short term, and another, who has no deadlines, that put off life goals and aspirations and become "spectators at time in their own lives."

With only four weeks of preparation time, Suffolk's TEDx Talks club president Abdulla Khoory said in an interview with The Suffolk Journal that securing a venue for the talk was his biggest challenge. He explained that along with finding the right location and time, the time span proved to be problematic for another reason—finding speakers.

"It's in making a stake as to what's going to happen, [that] we influence the future," said CEO & founder of Learmvore Emily Burns.

Burns, who spoke about artificial intelligence (A.I.), said the creation and development of new technologies is essential because our lives depend on it. The advancement of technology to this form could either create species immortality or cause humans to go extinct. With this spectrum outlined by two extremes, Burns said that the human race could either be overcome by A.I. or benefit in many ways. As many jobs and household chores could be replaced with the hands of A.I. robotics, humans would be left to replace their natural species characteristics in other areas of life. With some people concerned that A.I. would outsource many jobs and cut close to humanity, Burns said that humans would instead be able to utilize this time spent on work in other areas such as with friends and family. Burns said she believes that A.I. would "inspire the need for human authenticity."

Besides Burns and Park, 6 other speakers from top-tier universities, financial sector professionals and investors presented their own takes upon the future economy.

"The goal of this event was to build through large events to provide Suffolk with thought provoking content that we haven't seen yet," said club creative consultant Alex Bennett at the event in an interview with The Journal.
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building, Sargent Hall or on Temple Street would

Ford Hall Forum seeks truth on fake news

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During the 2016 presidential campaign, the term "fake news" exploded in popularity. At the start of the election season, this term was connected to stories that some believed were intended to discredit or benefit one candidate over the other, and had grown to a point where it would be difficult to find a publication that has not been accused of being fake news.

Last Wednesday night, three journalists spoke at Suffolk University's Ford Hall Forum on their continuing careers in organizations that have been labeled as "fake news," as well as what role journalism should play in a democratic society. These journalists, Joe Mathieu of WBZ NewsRadio, Matt Viser of the Boston Globe and Evan Engel, formally a Vocative senior producer, all have spent time having been accused of false reporting by the public, or by the current executive administration.

Matt Viser told his story of having been the subject of false reporting after controversy arose when he spoke on "The Lead" with Jake Tapper. While on the show, CNN ran a headline under Viser's name that read, "All-Right Founder Questions if Jews Are People," referencing an inflammatory statement by known white-supremacist Richard Spencer.

A screenshot of this CNN segment that showed the headline directly below an image of Viser immediately went viral on Twitter, and created a false association between Viser and the quote that incited intense anger focused directly at Viser for what people believed he had said.

"Everybody's instinct was sort of to quickly react to what they thought that they were seeing," said Viser.

The speakers discussed how this had been the perfect-storm combination of a poorly written headline, bad reporting and an overly quick viral response to comment on it by the general public.

In January, Engel found himself facing nearly 10 years in prison after he and five other journalists who were charged with felony rioting while reporting on violent protests outside of the inauguration of Donald Trump. The charges were dropped after a week, but for some, the accusation had changed their image of Engel.

Engel said that at the Trump Inauguration he, "witnessed police abuse that is not the most alarming police abuse you've ever heard about, but is still the sort of thing that as a journalist you want to report. But when I brought it back to Vocative, they were adamant that I not report it and that I not speak about it in front of any forum, including this one."

After being asked to not report on the event, Engel decided to leave the publication and began to speak more about his experience. He said that he had been the perfect-joke, but the public immediately became highly polarized on the subject, he noted that "there are people who reflexively justify any action a police officer takes, and so in their eyes I was instantly at fault, without question at fault. But there are also people who get mad at any journalist for challenging power, so there were accusations of fake news. Someone said I was an Israeli spy."

Engel said that the public was quick to label anything saying out he did on the situation as fake news if it disagreed with the point of view of the law enforcement.

Joe Mathieu said he believed 2008 began a new era of people who began to use social media as a primary source of news. He said that, "the internet was really for the first time a mainstream news dissemination tool for all ages, now everybody was reading online."

Joe Mathieu explained that it was at this point the public began to become more exposed to a number of left groups that had attempted to broadcast messages for years, but were just beginning to gain an influential voice.

Viser instructed that if people wanted to become immune to the biases in news, they should "Be skeptical, Sean Spicer said in one of his first briefings about how, 'We're going to call you every day out to the media,' said Viser. 'I'm fine with that, call us out, if people see we're not fair or open. I think you should read everything, expose yourself.'"

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French populism finds its face in Le Pen

Commentary

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Independent candidate Emmanuel Macron and former National Front leader Marine Le Pen will face off in a historic presidential election in France after their victories in Sunday’s first round of voting.

"We have changed the face of French political life in one year," Macron told a jubilant crowd of supporters in a victory speech Sunday night. Macron was propelled to victory by supporters of his political movement, "En Marche!," translating to a single English word: "forward."

Macron, a left-leaning centrist, won with 23.75 percent of the vote, while Le Pen, a nationalist often compared to Donald Trump, came in second with 21.53 percent, according to news sources. by commentators and experiment," offering party platform promises. President Donald Trump

The Socialist Party and analyst, she sharply rebuked mainstream political order in her own speech. "The system has sought all means to stifle the great political debate that this election should have been," Le Pen said following her victory, reported the Financial Times.

The right-wing brand of politics Le Pen offers ignores traditional conservative and liberal dogma in favor of populism, a brand of politics which focuses on popular, immediate concerns instead of ideological purity. It argues voters have been cheated by the political elite. A centerpiece of Le Pen's campaign has been the restoration of what she calls an "independent, France." According to her campaign's website, Le Pen plans to "achieve a European project respectful of the independence of France" through a referendum on the "European experience," offering a "Brexit" repeat should Le Pen win the presidency.

The Socialist Party and its candidate, Jean-Christophe Cambadélis, first secretary of the Socialist Party, told Euronews that the party will engage in a massive get-out-the-vote effort on behalf of Macron, noting that "it is out of the question that the people let France lose its soul." Macron, 39, would be France's youngest president if he wins, and has never served in any elected capacity. He left investment banking for a position in the government of Socialist President Francois Hollande before becoming economic minister in 2014, a post he held until resigning last April to run for president. Macron's platform is described as "true centrist," incorporating liberal and conservative policy on an issue-by-issue basis.

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Activists struggling to aid undocumented immigrants under Trump

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Eighteen feet of steel with a cement base and slats secured six feet under make up the southern border between the United States and Mexico which passes through Brownsville, Texas. Texas native Rodrigo Juarez, 27, is one of the activists who work everyday to aid undocumented immigrants, as they navigate the way toward citizenship.

Juarez is currently an accredited representative as he was approved by the Board of Immigration Appeals to represent the undocumented before the Immigration Courts.

Juarez said his parents are from Mexico. And I'm actually the only one in my family born in the States," said Juarez. He attended Texas A&M University and carried out a year of service through the AmeriCorps program in Rio Grande Valley.

Shortly after actively working with undocumented students, Juarez decided to focus on immigration and attended Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, OR. He became a co-founder of an immigration student group and volunteering program that sent student volunteers down to work at a family detention center in Dilley, Texas. Throughout the 2016 presidential campaign and within his first 100 days in office, President Donald Trump has accelerated efforts for the wall to be constructed. As an individual working for a non-profit immigration organization, Juarez experiences first-hand the hostile environment working with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents.

There had been a change in the attitudes and practices of Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/ICE. Like before, if you had a favorable case, ICE would work with you. They would consider letting your client go on bond or on their own recognizance or parole," said Juarez. He said that the rules have become much more rigid.

"They'll fight you on anything and everything. They'll oppose anything in court even if the proposed action legally doesn't have any sense. They'll refuse to issue a bond or even consider bond if your client has any sort of criminal history." ICE's aggression toward undocumented individuals has rapidly increased. According to the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), which Juarez is currently a part of.

Suffolk University Law School encourages faculty and staff, who are attorneys, to cooperate with pro bono programs that are available throughout the nation.

The law school also has an immigration clinic that offers weekly seminars to prepare students for immigration representation.

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ISA promotes international community on campus

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Suffolk's International Student Association (ISA) strives to promote community and cohesiveness among both international and domestic Suffolk students. They do this through weekly meetings and co-sponsoring events with other cultural clubs on campus. The university itself capitalizes on its great international presence. According to the Suffolk website, there are nearly 1,700 international students from at least 110 different countries.

ISA aims to bring all international students together to create a community where students can work and collaborate in unity. The diversity within ISA provides numerous opportunities to students and allows the group to have deep, intellectual and thought-provoking conversations about important global issues.

Most of the students in ISA are involved in other organizations on campus, allowing them to gain more perspectives on American culture to college. ISA is looking to increase the number of members in their organization so they can learn more about different students' domestic and international lifestyles and experiences. ISA holds events, such as the Indian Diwali Festival of Lights, to bring people of all different cultures together to appreciate celebrations from across the globe.

"We want to make international students feel welcome," said freshman Entrepreneurship major and incoming ISA Treasurer Juan Molar. According to Islam, international students tend to develop their expectations of college life prior to coming to the U.S. based on what they see in movies.

Since Suffolk doesn't provide that "traditional" college experience, according to Islam, sometimes international students have trouble transitioning. Because Suffolk is embedded into Boston, some international students experience difficulty adapting to the new lifestyle when they first arrive. College itself is a brand new experience.

International students, while adapting to college life, also have to figure out how to navigate their way through a new city and country. ISA provides a network where students can talk to others facing the same struggles and then provide support for one another.

"We want to make sure students are having fun and enjoying the city in a responsible way," said Islam. Because they are so far away from home, international students often feel a new, great deal of freedom when they come to the U.S.

"When we're all together, we want to make sure everyone is on track," said Islam. ISA provides support and advice to any international students regardless of what they are going through.

ISA wants to have a presence on campus next year, through co-sponsoring events with international clubs such as the Venezuelan Student Union, the Chinese Student Association, the Caribbean Student Network, as well as all other clubs who are interested.

"The unique thing about [ISA] is that we want to collaborate with students from other cultures as much as possible," said sophomore Business major and ISA Vice President Charles Tang. "We'd enjoy if other international groups came to us more to collaborate for events.

Most other cultural clubs serve as a "home away from home" for international students by providing them with events to experience their own culture. ISA seeks to work with all students from all different cultural backgrounds to give people a well-rounded cultural experience in a social setting.

"We want to get more people about everyone's culture, not just one in particular," said senior biochemistry major and ISA President Cabrini Umit. Suffolk's international community aims to interact with other students from all different backgrounds. ISA allows students to take advantage of going to school alongside international students by allowing them to get to know each other on a deeper level while getting a taste of other cultures.

"We want to introduce new cultural events to others," said Umit. The most students that come to ISA are people that the more cultures they get to explore.

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The third floor of Sawyer was alive with the sounds of the silver screen on Saturday night as performers took to the stage for the Suffolk University show choir's annual Cabaret.

Members of Rampage performed a variety of musical numbers taken from Hollywood blockbusters, as the theme this year was "Lights, Camera, Rampage." The show began with a rendition of OneRepublic's "Love Runs Out," which featured all of Rampage's 16 members. The performance was a well-received opener for what turned out to be a stellar production. The choreography for Rampage's group numbers was arranged by sophomore dance captains theatre major Kelsey Whipple and fine arts major Julianna Fielding, and complemented the musical arrangements quite nicely.

As one of the standout independent acts of the evening, sophomore Rebecca McAuliffe belted out a soulful rendition of Etta James' 1962 hit "Something's Gotta Hold On Me." As she sang, junior broadcast journalism major Felicity Otterbein and sophomore business major Charles Tang added some background vocals.

Saturday's cabaret was the last curtain call for Rampage's seniors; they really stole the show, both in group performances and individual acts. Rampage president and senior public relations major Victoria Laroque and senior marketing major Casey O'Leary took on the roles of Simba and Zazu for a duet of "I Just Can't Wait to be King" from the 1994 animated hit "The Lion King." Laroque returned in the second act with McAuliffe to perform "The Cup Song" of "Pitch Perfect."

"I started show choir in high school, and knew I wanted to continue with it or something like it, and Suffolk was the only school near me that had a show choir," she said. Laroque, a marketing major from Lowell, Mass., said that as she researched more about the school, it "all fell into place."

One of the most well-received acts of the night featured junior marketing major Kevin Landers and junior theatre major Victoria Isotti as Ryan and Sharpay Evans of "High School Musical" performing a rendition of "Bop to the Top." With an audience comprised of those who grew up listening to and appreciating the franchise, this particular number was received with rounds of applause and a brief trip down memory lane.

It was with the second to last act - the senior number - when it became apparent that the seniors realized what was already known: this is it. The cohort of four took to the stage to perform "Come So Far (Got So Far to Go)" from "Hairspray." While the quartet was all smiles as they maneuvered around the stage singing the classic show tune, even the audience could tell that there was something very different about the final curtain call. Based on the facial expressions of the small group, it was clear that they realized that this would be one of their last performances with the group.

As a whole, Rampage delivered what is quickly becoming their standard performance: well-executed without the sort of phony "put-togetherness" of other show choirs. There was a certain charm that the group displayed that doesn't really exist amongst other performance groups. And, with an increasingly competent group of underclassmen taking the stage, Rampage is in good hands for years to come.

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The choir of Rampage show choir's Cabaret.
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It takes an incredible amount of creativity and imagination to be able to create an original play. It's easy to succumb to performing yet another rendition of Shakespeare tragedy or explore Henrik Ibsen's realism. On its own, writing and directing in the theatre is a feat in and of itself, but it is a completely separate ordeal when you try to make said play interesting and entertaining to audiences. Linnea Rose and Suffolk University's own senior theatre major Andrew Bourque, managed to do both in their recent production of "Fractured Inferno." Brought to life within the walls of the Sullivan Theatre, the hour-long play was an intellectual mashup that combined both the storylines from the literary classic, "Dante's Inferno," and warped tales from the Brothers Grimm.

Portrayed as one's very long and confused journey, the storyline follows Michael, played by sophomore theatre major Liam Grimaldi who is guided by a mysteriously named Gabriel, played by senior theatre major Michael Karis. The trilogy is invested in Christianity and understand biblical references will be able to appreciate the subtle, and at times not-so-subtle jobs at what happens in the afterlife. Gabriel, in Abrahamic religions, is an angel who acts as God's messenger. In various biblical texts, he is depicted as someone who interprets dreams and reveals information to those seeking guidance. In this instance, Gabriel acts as Michael's guide through the nine circles of hell: limbo, lust, gluttony, greed, anger, heresy, violence, fraud and treachery. Gabriel is known to stand in the presence of God, and therefore knows all about his power and routinely cites psalms and passages from the bible during the performance in order to provide insight to the activity occurring within each circle.

The performance begins with a few rows of people standing in what appears to be organized lines similar to that of a military regiment. They are all dressed in army green and appear to be starting off into the distance. There is no sound, no movement, no kind of indication as to what is happening until a man, Michael, appears to snap out of this trance and voice his confusion and questions to the whereabouts of his son, effectively breaking the silence.

This circle is undoubtedly the first circle of hell, limbo. Argued across spiritual belief systems, this space has been referred to as an area of nothingness, purgatory, the Department of Motor Vehicles. In religious belief systems, purgatory is a space for those who have not been assigned to Heaven or hell. It is here where Michael and Gabriel first meet, and Gabriel calmly tells Michael that he must start a journey across the remaining circles in order to locate his son.

The play itself told numerous biblical references and is suited for those who are kept up with popular culture and classic fairy tales. The illusions to stories like Cinderella and Hansel and Gretel, paralleled with psalms and readings from the Book of Timothy proved to be not only educational but also entertaining.

Gabriel cited Luke 12:15 during the scene revolving around the circle of hell identified as greed, "Then he said to them, Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." In this particular scene, Princess Cinderella has taken over the kingdom and seems to answer that lingering question at the end of the classic Disney movie, "but what happens to Lady Tremaine and the wicked step-sisters?" Shown through body language and iniminating dialogue, it becomes clear that the trio has been ensnared by Cinderella out of spite and pettiness.

When the pair stumble upon this situation, they are faced with one of many depictions of greed. In this case, greed is personified by taking on the image of what was once a kind and sweet figure of Walt Disney's imagination. It shows the true power of the emotion, and how greed and selfishness can go hand in hand.

For Cinderella, a girl who had nothing and then was immediately given everything, it's easy to see how such power went to her head. Perhaps acting as a metaphor for remaining humble and kind no matter your social status, this powerful scene resonated within the four walls of the black box theater.

Across the nine circles of hell, the audience was able to appreciate the subtle, and at times not-so-subtle references to the modern-day America and the Soviet Union. The play itself totaled to the viewers, it's open-ended and fresh and has limitless potential to become something that will be analyzed and deciphered for years to come.

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American television and film has been thought to mirror the political climate of the time it was originally produced. To analyze this, and predict how this may change in the future, Pulitzer Prize winning critic for the The New York Times, Wesley Morris, spoke at Suffolk University's Modern Theatre.

An event sponsored by the Suffolk Cinema Series, Morris acknowledged the controversy that exists in politics, and posed the question, "what responsibility does the culture have in terms of responding to [politicians]?" He explained, that although he does not have a simple answer to this, he does think it is always important to consider how artists will respond to shifts in politics.

He went on to show a clip from the 1974 movie, "The Parallax View." This movie, directed by Alan J. Pakula and starring Warren Beatty, showcased an example of a plot based around the presidency and assassination and suspicion. Morris offered that those themes were direct results of the political separation between the United States and the Soviet Union.

During a period where America was more technologically involved in the world, the political climate was thought to be more open and available for discussion. It was seen as a time of questioning and when it seemed threats loomed behind every corner, Morris said that this made Americans very suspicious, and perhaps, anxious.

Morris demonstrated that during the ‘70s, the antagonist was often mysterious and unknown in nature, while the ‘80s began to have a hero that fought against a singular villain with clear motives. As Morris explained, the Rocky movies were often considered to have been a direct commentary of the debate between the white boxer vs. the black boxer. But in a pretty good mood, during a period where there weren't a lot of popular movies that did that.

In a "Rocky IV" clip presented during the talk, Morris showed a clear separation between the training sequences of the two boxers. But in movies about this fear that the Soviets would be able to enter the country with ease and beat us without our being ready for it," said Morris.

This theme of separation between the America and the Soviet Union was presented in other movies during this time.

He showed a scene from the 1998 thriller starring Denzel Washington, "The Preacher's Wife," where thousands of Arab-Americans had been placed in internment camps in order to find a suspect. He said, "Islam is part of how we understand terrorism in this country.

"The Earth was destroyed [in film] more times during Obama's presidency than in any other period," said Morris. He associated this with the current political climate and the style fears that developed in some groups after President Obama took office, as well as fears of global war and world disaster as a result of climate change.

Despite all of these parallels between film and current politics, Morris said that he was not sure he would see the same correlation between President Trump and administration.
The campus I arrived at is mostly gone or significantly changed.

By Sam Humphrey, Newsroom Manager

I'll be graduating from Suffolk University soon, and as I think about the school I'm leaving, I wonder how I'll feel when I think about Suffolk after I'm long gone.

The answer is not much. I've grown and come to see the world differently than I did four years ago, but most of those experiences didn't come from my education, in terms of college classes.

My internships and various jobs have filled in the gaps left in my schedule, they met my needs, they recognized for the semesters I slacked off. I've been erased from the school's story. What's left is an awkward hodgepodge of spaces spread across markedly dissimilar buildings.

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In other words, I worked harder to do well and earned grades I deserved, but I only got recognized for the semesters I slacked off. I've had perhaps four or five truly great, challenging, and rewarding classes. But many of my courses, particularly sophomore and junior year, weren't even average. They filled in my schedule, they met my degree requirements, but they didn't provide me with much of anything to carry into my career.

My internships and various jobs have filled in the areas Suffolk lacked in teaching.

While I hope other graduates had a better experience, this is how I leave Suffolk -- an average graduate with some skills and life experience to help me, but no loyalty or love for the school I've spent four years of my life attending.

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The most valuable lesson that I have learned at Suffolk University is that nothing in life will be perfect. College is not all aesthetically pleasing Instagram posts and parties. Life happens, things go wrong and things will happen to you that will completely knock you off your feet and change how you think about everything. We can't always choose the cards we are dealt, but we can learn how to play them.

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I have made peace with my time at Suffolk. I obtained what I needed out of my experiences for my own personal growth and happiness. It wasn't perfect and there are plenty of mistakes I could undo. Instead of being miserable and accepting not ideal conditions that I could change, I decided to change my attitude.

I became more involved at this university. I participated heavily in The Journey Leadership Program, a Teaching Assistant for two years, Alternative Spring Break and The Suffolk Journal. Looking back, I have accomplished so much more than I give myself credit for. I have dozens of articles published in The Suffolk Journal over four years. I needed to join the editorial staff as the Assistant Opinion Editor my senior year.

These priceless experiences will stay with me for the rest of my life. If I had not been more proactive about my college experience, I never would have made so many connections with my professors, classmates and coworkers, who have turned out to be some of the most incredible people.

Almost every single person I have met at Suffolk has contributed to the person I am today and I owe much much of that to the positive experiences I've had at Suffolk, including the highs and the lows. Suffolk University surely was not a traditional college experience for me, but it was the experience I needed.

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OPINION

Closing statements:

Suffolk seniors offer their last sentiments before they leave The Journal, solidifying their time at the university.

By Katie Dugan, Asst. Opinion Editor

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Boston sticks together through the highs and lows and being a part of the 'best sports city in the world' exemplifies that.

By Skylar To, Sports Editor

I was just another freshman four years ago with a cliché dream of going to school in the city and making it "big" someday as an aspiring journalist.

I was hoping to get the college experience at Suffolk and started to think that I would leave here as just another number two years in.

I got a late start, but fast-forward to the end of my junior year and I could finally justify being at Suffolk, because of The Suffolk Journal.

I woke up at 4 a.m. on a Thursday morning in early November last year and acted on a strong urge to start getting involved and writing for the school newspaper.

I want to my first meeting that following week and took my first pitch, which of course, was a game recap of the Boston Bruins and Colorado Avalanche.

Since then, even though I never followed sports besides the Bruins growing up, I rolled with sports. Because of The Journal, I learned to step out of my comfort zone and worked on building my writing portfolio.

I realized that I could actually envision myself as a sports journalist.

My absolute favorite part of writing for sports is the community aspect of it.

Whether it is going to games, sporting events or listening to people boast about their favorite team or their love for the game, it is so incredibly awesome to see and hear the passion that unrelives for the love many people have for sports-- both Suffolk and Boston especially.

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Even though I will no longer be eating pizza on production nights or walk into the office and look forward to seeing my best friends every day, it was an absolute honor and pleasure to work with this year’s Journal staff, especially to produce some of our best work yet.

I will always be a storyteller and share the stories of others through my writing. But, in the few times like this, I get to share my story-- print wise.

Even though it was for a little more than a year, I will finally get to say that I lived the college experience at Suffolk, because of The Journal.

Signing off,
Skylar To

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EDITOR'S WORD

We all had no idea how hard it would be to watch three seniors leave at the end of the year to embark on their own unique journeys. To Sky, who instilled the confidence within us to write for this publication and become a part of an everlasting bond at The Journal, we thank you. To Katie, who's creative and bubbly personality emanated the office, we will never forget your joyful and infectious presence around here. And to Sam, who became not only a confidant and father-figure mopping up all of our lives, but a true friend, from the bottom of our hearts, we'll miss you all.

We'll miss all of the work you put into this newspaper week in and week out producing top notch content, but that isn't what we'll miss the most. What we'll miss the most is the laughs, the heart-to-hearts, the good times and even the bad. We'll miss the times we spent together growing, not as writers, but as people. You've all become a part of our lives, but a true friend, from the bottom of our hearts, we'll miss you all.

Something special happened this year, which is why saying goodbye is so much harder. This isn't just saying goodbye to a friend or a classmate, it's saying goodbye to family.

Patrick Holmes
Opinion Editor

It should be mandatory to fact check both what President Donald Trump says and his tweets. It seems that many Americans will believe whatever he chooses to say or write and by doing so, have shielded themselves from the facts.

During his campaign, Trump sent out a tweet stating that inner-city crime is reaching record levels. This tweet, which is extremely inaccurate, is based solely on opinion with statistics taken into account. In fact, violent crime has been declining for more than five years, according to the Pew Research Center. They even go as far as to say that United States citizens view of violent crime doesn't often align with the data, saying that citizens believe the rates of crime are higher than the reality.

It is unacceptable that our current president is not paying attention to simple facts that a sophomore in college can easily find from reputable sources. It is even shocking that many people believe him and do not try to search for the factual data.

In 2015, the violent crime rate increased by 3.1 percent when compared to 2014 statistics, according to FBI crime data. However, this percentage is insignificant compared to the thirteen years before where the crime rate consistently declined.

There are statistics that show the rise and fall of crime rates and it seems that Trump has not taken a glance at any real information that could possibly help him win over liberal voters. It is said that the violent crime decline has been happening for decades and that small increases in few cities have exaggerated the rates, according to the Washington Post.

From 1993-2015, the violent crime rate fell 50 percent, according to the Pew Research Center.

So, what does one do with this information? It seems clear that many people believe that violent crime in urban areas is increasing but the statistics say otherwise. It is even shocking that many people believe him and do not try to search for the factual data.

Criminologists try not to generalize crime rates when they happen during short periods of time so that they can gain more accurate data, according to the Washington Post.

57 percent of registered voters believed that crime had risen since 2008 even though FBI numbers show that it declined, according to the Pew Research Center.

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If we are at record lows, doesn't it make sense that the numbers would go up? Especially in highly populated urban areas, it seems that crime would be common. But a small increase or increases in few cities does not mean that there is an epidemic nor is it related to one group of people.

Overall, there is no definitive answer to what has caused spikes in major cities across the U.S. but it could be that there are many different areas that these urban landscapes must do better on such as the quality of policing, gang-violence and socioeconomic status.

Not only with urban crime, but other issues concerning Americans, it should be clear to not trust everything that Trump states.
Caps off to Suffolk seniors final at bat

Hannah Arroyo
Asst. Sports Editor

With seven games left in their season, senior lefty pitcher BJ Neil said that his team's focus is to prove to his class that Suffolk Athletics was the "most successful Athletics." The second baseman BJ Neil is to prove that his class Suffolk has been back-joining the men's tennis University. Duggan, a finance senior, looks to take the team his sophomore year, and let everybody know that he has enjoyed experiencing the diversity the tennis any further, he will always play in order to prevent himself from becoming "washed up."

Seniors serve up final tennis season

Brooke Patterson
Asst. Sports Editor

As a solo four-year tennis program senior, second-year captain, Francisco Saia had a slight heartbreak heading into this season knowing that he would be his final one with the Rams. The University's tennis team currently holds a losing record of 2-7, but look toward the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Semifinal game at Centre Court against Johnson & Wales University on April 29. "You just have to take a deep breath and say this is my final season, give everything I have got and a hundred percent," said Saia, in an interview with The Suffolk Journal on Tuesday night.

Senior and second-year captain Jacob Duggan, a finance major, is also in his last season with the men's tennis team. Duggan had joined the tennis team his sophomore year, after being convinced by Saia, and has been a player on the court for the past three years. Duggan has a two match win streak with an overall personal record of 3-4. "This being my last season, I am sad that I won't get to play tennis for Suffolk anymore, but am glad that I get to spend my last season with such a great group of guys," said Duggan in an interview with The Journal on Tuesday night.

"As a team, we've come a long way this season, and I'm really proud of how much we have done with one another," said Saia. Saia has made a lot of new various skills, but also making the whole team better with new techniques and skills that we were never fully familiar with," said Saia. Although when Saia was younger he did not like to play tennis, he eventually grew to love it. His favorite part about playing tennis at Suffolk has been hanging out with his team and "sharing laughs and good times together." Being an active member on the team, Saia has made a lot of memories with his new teammates each year. He enjoyed experiencing the diversity the tennis any further, he will always play in order to prevent himself from becoming "washed up."

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"All of my experiences I have learned from my past three years, this fourth one I just want to put it out on the court and let everybody know that I have learned and hopefully the team can carry it on," said Saia.

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Feldman paces back to Suffolk
Strides for track & field

Since 2015-16, he has even begun his coaching career while he was still an undergraduate student at Suffolk in 2008 at Suffolk's Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) rival, Emmanuel College. Feldman said he and his teammates always talked about "how cool" it would be if the athletics department offered track & field after cross country practice. "I knew how much I can start building this program," said Feldman. "It felt like it needed to be done," he added.

Feldman was named head coach for track & field and already has an "extensive list" of student-athletes interested in the program. He officially begins his new position as Suffolk's head coach for track & field on May 15.

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