Venezuelan native and SGA's first international student president has stuck to his roots and focused on creating resources available for all students, keeping to his commitment that he took on since he ran for the vice presidency.

FIGHTING SPIRIT

By Alexa Gagosz, Editor-in-Chief

With plans and initiatives in hand, Student Government Association (SGA) President Daniel Gazzani headed into the final stage of his term. Ambitious as he is available, Gazzani's work as the first international student as SGA president so far has been rooted in his deep passion to build a sense of community at the university.

The string of dominating topics he had chosen to pinpoint will find Gazzani essentially everywhere on campus. Whether he's sitting behind his desk on the fourth floor of Sawyer, in Presidential Search meetings, connecting students across the globe or decoding the workings of a mobile app as a "one-stop shop," his work has been meant to "serve Suffolk's students and make their lives easier."

Gazzani spoke candidly in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal, which regarded his administration's four main goals that he set out in the beginning of his term in May. These objectives included setting up an emergency fund scholarship for international students, rebuilding a relationship between the Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate

Secrets of infinite depth: the makings of a poet

By Kaitlin Hahn
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Three years of gained silent knowledge in a Buddhist monastery, tireless work as a New York City girl on a farm, jumped into a fire engine red Volkswagen van with multi-color curtains with the dream to move West, all blended together along with what she calls her generation's "foolish optimism," helped Jane Hirshfield's poetry become what it is today.

Suffolk University was visited by acclaimed poet Hirshfield and poetry reviewer for the Washington Post Elizabeth Blunt on Wednesday night. Despite the lack of student participation, the conversation between Hirshfield and Blunt seemed to be anything but ordinary.

"I am not a practical person, I am a poet," said Hirshfield to her audience.

"I am not a practical person, I am a poet," Hirshfield attributed her knowledge of poetry from studying other poets works, and said how she never studies her own poetry for inspiration, but looks to other poets she loves to discover how the poetry works on the page. Poetry is a method of coping for Hirshfield, as she told the audience that when a tragedy happens, for her, it is easier to get closer to the subject than to stand further away. Citing the event of 9/11, Hirshfield described how she wrote a poem about the pain and suffering she felt instead of avoiding the subject. The words she wrote helped her deal with the issue of people wanting ill-will towards each other, something she

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and students, frame a mobile app for students and develop a leadership coalition program between Suffolk's SGA and local high schools. Referencing former SGA President Sean Walsh's term as a "time of transition," Gazzani said that he also assumed office during a critical point for the university.

"After [former] President [Margaret] McKenna was terminated," said Gazzani, who is also a sitting student member on Suffolk's Presidential Search Committee, led by frontman and Trustee John Brooks. "I think we had moved forward from that period and so when I became president, my entire goal was to resume the work that I had started when I was vice president."

As a student leader who began to be apart of SGA during his sophomore year as a senator, the Venezuelan native has been dedicated to his work for his fellow international students since he ran for and clinched the vice presidency for his junior year.

"Throughout this past summer and fall semester, a string of natural disasters had impacted the home countries of many international students in the Boston area. Since international students do not receive need-based scholarships, Gazzani set out to help those affected by these events."

"What if there is an international student that's facing an unprecedented financial circumstance where they can't pay for college," said Gazzani, "There's little relief to help these types of students out."

"For many of these students, Gazzani looked to create the 'International Assistance Scholarship,' which would strictly be for international students in case of an emergency. "We don't want the message from Suffolk to be to their international student community that we only want you if you can pay. We want the message to be that this is a university that embraces diversity and inclusion."

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Gazzani worked with Senior Vice President of Finance Laura Sander, Associate Vice President of Purchasing & Financial Planning Michelle Quinlan and Director of Student Financial Services Jennifer Ricciardi to put in a request for the scholarship to the Board of Trustees for the next fiscal year. If it passes, the scholarship will provide $30,000 worth of relief per year.

"It's not too much of an amount where the Board will say no and it's big enough to completely cover one-full semester with tuition and room and board for one student," said Gazzani. "We can prevent one student from going home to where their life could be in danger."

"SGA Secretary Morgan Robb, who works closely with Gazzani, said he has been carefully focused on inclusion and has stayed persistent with the administration. "Not only were we, as an organization, able to raise money, but he also has worked on having the university focus on building a fund for it," said Robb to a Journal reporter on Tuesday night. "His passion has never wavered all year."

Both Sander and Quinlan did not respond to contact with The Journal as of Tuesday night. "This is the goal I am most proud of. As an international student myself, I can definitely feel for this and I know the struggles that we face here on campus," said Gazzani. "I want to make sure that we keep creating opportunities for all students."

With just three months left in his term, Gazzani has been proud to serve as Suffolk's first international student president, where he has been able to "open new doors" for international students looking to run for office. As he has stuck to his roots throughout his time in SGA by standing by diversity and inclusion, Gazzani believes that his legacy is "one of change."

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NEWS BRIEFS

MBTA mulls fare hikes

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the agency responsible for Greater Boston’s massive public transportation network, may soon cost more to ride. With news of a budget shortfall of over $110 million dollars, top T officials are reportedly multing over fare hikes, potentially the first fare hike in three years. "Revenue growth is less than expense growth," said MBTA chief administrator Michael Abramo at a meeting Monday. The MBTA’s rating costs were attributed to a myriad of new expenses, including pension contributions and a year-round extension of commuter rail service to Foxborough. The last fare increase, which occurred in 2016, saw fares rise by nine percent system wide. The move garnered widespread criticism, including rider process. As a result, the Massachusetts state legislature passed legislation limiting fare hikes to seven percent every two years. The MBTA will be eligible to hike fares again next January. Fare hikes aren’t the only option to raise revenue; many have suggested possible parking fee increases. "It would be good to get a little bit of sensitivity about what different options give us for either fare or parking adjustments," said Joseph Aieleo, the agency’s oversight board chairman.

Harvard hires next president

Lawrence Bacow, lawyer, economist and longtime president of Tufts University, was chosen this week to succeed Drew Gilpin Faust as Harvard University's president. Sunday's announcement by the university’s Board of Trustees came after a seven-month search for Faust's replacement, according to The Boston Globe. Faust, who was the first woman to lead the university, has served as Harvard's president since July 2007 and will step down in June. "We wanted someone who could hit the ground running, because neither we nor higher education have time to spare," said William F. Lee, chairman of Harvard's presidential search committee said on Sunday following the announcement. Bacow, the son of immigrants, grew up in Michigan, receiving a law degree, master's degree, and PhD from Harvard. He is credited with turning around Tufts during his tenure, raising more than $41 billion in fundraising and building new nursing schools. Following Sunday's announcement, Bacow spoke on a myriad of university-specific issues, including controlling costs and focusing on "those the economy left behind."

White House aide out after abuse allegations

White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter resigned last Wednesday after allegations of abuse hit the media from both ex-wives. Porter's resignation comes after Chief of Staff Gen. John Kelly gave Porter his full support just a day earlier in a statement sent out by the White House. Kelly called Porter "a friend, a confidant and a trusted professional," someone whom he was "proud to serve alongside." On Sunday, Patrick J. Shanahan, acting secretary of defense, announced the resignation of Porter's security clearance had been held up because of the allegations. Kelly responded with another statement Wednesday night, in which he said he "was shocked by the new allegations" against Porter, noting that he stood by his previous comments "of the Rob Porter that he has come to know since becoming chief of staff." The White House Staff Secretary is responsible for what information gets to the president's desk. In Porter's case, his legal background was key in vetting the various documents that came to President Donald Trump's desk for signature. Porter is the most recent in a long line of appointees of Trump to see their tenure cut short. Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald of the CDC resigned last month after it came to light that she had invested in the tobacco industry, while FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe was forced to resign after pressure from the president.
Paying it forward: one state at a time

From practicality to poetry

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Everyone knows for sure whether we will ever be able to experience the fruit of our labor," said Mallory during her speech. "That is really the most important part of paying it forward, not knowing how you will ever benefit from it, but understanding that you are leaving a legacy for your children and your children's children's children.

Mallory recounted a conversation when the group of women organized the March; they spoke of how the 83 percent of white women that voted in the election, voted for Trump. The majority of the white women said it was uncomfortable to discuss politics with their families.

Mallory recounted her daily routine with her son. She told him to withdraw discrimination against him based on his skin. She told him to do as he's told if there's a chance his life depends on it. He has been told he must make it home safe, that they will fight his battles together. This is not a daily conversation that only her and her son have had. Many parents have had these conversations with their children.

Mallory also spoke about the significance of the date in which she spoke as Suffolk. This day would have been Sandra Bland's 31st birthday. Bland, who was arrested in 2015 for a routine traffic stop, was found dead in her cell days later; ruled a suicide, details surrounding her death were called into question by some who claimed she was killed by police while in custody.

"We could be her next, today, or tomorrow. Any day, we could really be walking in the shoes or driving in the car that looked like Sandra Bland's car," said Mallory. "So, we continue to be brutally beaten and murdered by the law enforcement. And again people say maybe she did commit suicide. [The] point is she had no business being in jail in the first place."

The event was hosted by the Black Student Union (BSU) and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. BSU wanted to spread awareness to those in the community and assert the significance that Mallory be recognized for her work in the Women's March, according to Vice President of the BSU Jakira Rogers.

Mallory also spoke of how Suffolks is a current example of paying it forward by explaining the impact that Suffolks's founder has had.

Gleason Archer Sr., founder of Suffolk Law School, had started from humble beginnings and worked towards building a law school where students can expand their knowledge and advance their careers.

"I think this group is already sitting at the table of revolution, whether or not you understand that and have owned it, just by nature of being here in a place where someone took nothing and made something," said Mallory.

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POLITICAL PULSE:
What's next for Massachusetts?

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The Massachusetts Governor's race is inching closer as three Democratic candidates have emerged. Former Governor Deval Patrick's Budget Chief Jay Gonzalez, Newton Mayor and Suffolk University Law alumnus Setti Warren and environmental advocate and former Democratic nominee for Lt. Gov. Bob Massie have all announced their candidacy over the past year.

In a statement to The Suffolk Journal, Massie's campaign explained how the candidate will fight for college students.

"For students, [Massie's] platform seeks to help people just like them," said Arjun Singh, a Communications Associate on Massie's campaign. "The current economy is slanted to benefit wealthy individuals and corporations. If elected governor, [Massie] would reduce the economic burden of students and create a fairer state where they have a better chance of moving upwards."

Massie's background has provided him with the tools to understand all angles of the problem and implement solutions for how to put Massachusetts back on track to being a state that favors the many not the few," said Singh, a communications associate on Massie's campaign.

Other Democratic leaders in Massachusetts have yet to endorse any of the candidates. For one, their endorsements will likely occur after the Sept. 4 primary. Mayor Marty Walsh, however, may not endorse at all given his "bromance" with Baker.

Regardless of who voters choose to be the Democratic nominee in the primary this September, it is certain that Massachusetts has never elected a female governor and one will never be elected this time around.

All three of the Democratic gubernatorial candidates will be visiting Suffolk on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. for a Candidates Forum hosted by the Suffolk Democrats.

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Comedy to address conflict

Author, screenwriter Sayed Kashua talks Israeli sitcoms

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The Israeli-Palestinian conflict rages on in the Middle East — and according to journalist, author and screenwriter Sayed Kashua, hope to find the situation will improve one day to be naive.

Last Wednesday night, students and faculty lined the seats of Modern Theatre to welcome the Arab-Israeli author to give a presentation and screen an episode from "Arab Labor," a popular, bilingual TV show in the Israeli-Palestinian region, created and written by Kashua. Kashua is also the author of the novels "Let It Be Morning," "Second Person Singular," "Native" and "Dancing Arabs," which speak to the situation and tension between the Palestinians and Israelis residing in the region, which continues to go unresolved given sectarian tensions in the region.

"Arab Labor" follows a man named Amjad and his family. Amjad is an Arab journalist working for a Hebrew newspaper trying to assimilate into a different culture. The episode screened was from the second season of "Arab Labor," titled "Remembrance." It depicts the struggles Amjad's family faces when his daughter wrestles with her cultural identity as an Arab attending a Jewish school in Jerusalem. Although she is an Arab, she wants to sing in her school choir as part of a Jewish Memorial Day celebration — which commemorates the death of Israelis who serve and have served in Israel's armed forces in its military conflicts to avoid feeling excluded from her Jewish classmates.

"It honestly reminded me of an American sitcom in a sense... Just because it was so funny and it kind of showed how humor is still in other cultures in times of conflict," said senior Journalism major Sadie Haddad in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "They were talking about the war and Independence Day and how it is a super controversial subject, but the episode still was funny."

Kashua, during the presentation, claimed that "Remembrance" was unlike any of his other episodes due to the fact that it included very specific details about the traditions the two sides follow, making it a more political episode than most others. The episode was set in the days leading up to the Israeli Memorial Day and its counterpart known as Nakba Day. Nakba Day, which typically falls on May 15 of the Gregorian calendar, is a day of importance for Palestinians as it represents the day after Israel was officially created.

"It's very specific; usually most of the episodes are not that specific for Israeli ceremonies and traditions, but this one is," said Kashua in his presentation. "This episode would never be accepted if it was first episode of the second season or the first season."

Kashua went on to speak about the importance humor plays when writing a show with undertones of a very serious issue. "It was clear that in order to bring an Arab family to the prime time, to the living room of the mainstream Israelis, we need to use a lot of humor," said Kashua. "We need to familiarize the Israeli, and you have to show them that it's not threatening them."

Following Kashua's own take on the screened episode, Communications and Journalism Associate Professor Shoshana Madmoni- Gerber moderated a discussion.

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- Sayed Kashua on international sitcoms

Scenes from a journalist in Austria

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View overlooking the city of Salzburg, Austria.

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View of Lake Wolfgangsee in the town of St. Wolfgang im Salzkammergut.
North and South Korea meet about the demilitarized zone separating the countries

"I think what it could do is diffuse the whole situation for a while," said Suleksi. "The biggest problem I see is if, right after it, President Trump goes ahead with the U.S.-South Korea military exercises, that'll throw a stink bomb in things."

If Korea can find a way to unite, they will become a geopolitical force to be reckoned with, Suleksi said, due to the abundance of valuable natural resources that both countries have access to too.

"People always say that if North and South Korea can find a way to unite, they'll be a powerhouse," Suleksi said. "They have natural minerals, water power for hydroelectricity, precious ores, all kinds of precious things. They would become so strong geopolitically that they may scare China a little bit. They would definitely scare Japan."

The global media surrounding the games in Pyeongchang is abuzz with news of potential peace talks, Suleksi does not think this newly reported attempt at diplomacy will be a short process between the two countries that have had a violent, argumentative history.

"The dream of many Koreans is to stand up and say no, we're going to fight against the same ethnic, cultural people," he said. "When that will happen, I certainly don't know. Some people see it happening in the foreseeable future, but I think they're more optimistic than I am."

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**The World at-large**

**Olympics spark possible peace talks in Korea**

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The collaboration between North and South Korea during the winter Olympic games has ignited rumors of future peace talks between the adjacent feuding countries.

On Saturday, North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un formally invited South Korean President Moon Jae-in to Pyongyang, which would be the first meeting of the Korean leaders since 2007. Moon responded and suggested that the two countries should "accomplish this by creating the right conditions," and also said that talks between North Korea and the United States were also important to this budding relationship.

According to Suffolk University history professor and Director of Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies Ronald Suleski, North Korea has used the Olympic games as a catalyst for diplomacy between the two countries before.

"It's important to remember that the same happened under Kim Jong-Un's father, Kim Jong-II," said Suleksi. "He invited the South Korean President, who went to Pyongyang. They had talks. They reunited families that had been separated by the Korean war. Now it's being done again."

Suleksi said that the rumblings of peace talks could potentially settle a contentious region, but whether or not the U.S. will be included in the shared peace hinges on how President Donald J. Trump acts in the near future.

**Israel PM Netanyahu faces indictment**

Israeli police recommended the indictment of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as a result of a year long investigation into charges of bribery, fraud and breaches of trust. The multiple corruption cases involve expensive gifts from two Israeli Hollywood producers, as well as an attempt to strike a deal with Israeli newspaper publisher, Yediot Ahronot, reported multiple news sources. Netanyahu allegedly intended to limit the circulation of Ahronot's primary competitor, in exchange for more favorable coverage of his time as prime minister, reported the Washington Post.

In a separate investigation that is coming to a close, members of Netanyahu's inner circle have been arrested on charges of corruption and bribery in a multi-billion dollar submarine deal with Germany, the Washington Post reported. The police stated that there is sufficient evidence for the attorney general to indict Netanyahu. Netanyahu maintains his innocence, and in a Facebook statement he will again win the trust of the Israeli people for the next election.

In addition, the police have also recommended the indictment of Netanyahu's wife Sara on charges of the misuse of public funds. The case details how the money was used to pay for multiple lavish meals for her and her family, CNN reported. Netanyahu has previously accused the police of bias in their investigations, and responded to this latest development in saying that the real issue that should be considered is the integrity of the investigation. Netanyahu's predecessor, Ehud Olmert, was forced to resign in 2009 due to corruption and was indicted in 2014.

**Russian plane crash kills 65**

The crash of a Russian airliner that carried 65 passengers and six crew members is now being attributed to false flight speed data, BBC reported. The instrument malfunction occurred after pilots failed to turn on a heating system for the probes, leading to the freezing of a key speed monitoring device shortly after takeoff. The Russian media group RBB reported that the pilot had refused to follow the de-icing procedure, as they felt the temperatures were not cold enough to justify it. A criminal case has opened, highlighting negligent activity and a failure to follow aircraft operation rules as the causes of death for two or more people, reported the New York Post. A preliminary analysis showed the inability to correctly interpret the speed of the airplane led to the pilot's decision to switch off auto-pilot to perform a series of manual maneuvers, one of which led to the crash of the jet just over five minutes after takeoff. Wreckage and was dispersed across an area of about 74 acres, just 50 miles southeast of Moscow. Aiding in the search for DNA samples and pieces of wreckage are more than 700 volunteers, along with Russia's emergencies ministry, BBC reported. The crash of an Air France flight that killed 228 people on board in 2009 was attributed to the same iced-over speed probes as the Russian airliner, reported multiple news sources.

**New study finds sea is rapidly rising**

Rises in sea level have been shown this week to not only be definitively occurring, but rapidly increasing in severity. This information comes from a new study that compiled 25-years of satellite imaging that includes often neglected areas of open ocean, reported CNN. Where scientists previously predicted a 30cm rise by 2100, the study has shown the actual rates to be nearly double this. "Any flooding concerns that coastal communities have for 2100 may occur over the next few decades," said Katy Serafin, a coastal scientist at Oregon State University. The findings are consistent with the most recent International Panel on Climate Change report. The study also sought to increase the reliability of the predictions by taking into account several natural phenomenon that lead to changes in global weather patterns, as reported by CNN. The research also gathered information from other projects such as GRACE, the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment, to identify the causes of the rate of acceleration, the Guardian reported. Their findings showed that global warming, caused by human action, has lead to a large expansion of ocean water, as well as melted permafrost and ice-caps in Greenland and Antarctica. Although the world is still a few years away from feeling direct impacts from the rise, the destruction caused by super-storms similar to those that occurred in the last few years is made far worse as the coastline moves closer inland.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Spring Showcase 2018: musicals & minimalism


"Theater is the whore of art," one of the most memorable lines of the "Acting 101/Ames Room play," said by the unnamed mentor of the main character. The symbolism of unintentional objects, gestures and color oozing through easily delivered the concepts of loneliness, confusion and enlightenment. The minimalist setting included a block interlaced with black and white, representing "dualism back and forth from one extreme to another," said Newman to The Suffolk Journal in a post-show interview. Minimalism was an important factor for Newman as this was a way of balancing the writer, director and designer ideas while including a touch of her style.

It begins with seven actors all dressed in solid black with seven different colors tied around the waist. From a simple view it may not mean much, but these seven fabrics represent "The seven chakras, days of the week, and colors of the rainbow," said Newman.

The metaphorically complex play shows the journey of an unnamed character reaching nirvana through vignettes. The peculiar presentation was meant to give the audience "an individual and different journey with audience, creating unique and different opinions," said Newman.

"It's been a work in progress and seeing a person's journey and very personal and everyone can leave with something," said Newman, adding how this work took four years to complete. Newman began writing it since junior year of highschool and over winter break completed the final script.

The second showcase, "I Enjoy Being a Girl," included a compilation of songs which Director Victoria Isotti explained as a timeline, beginning from the 1920's to the 2000's; choosing the song that best represented how women were portrayed during that decade.

Beginning with the song "He's Gone Away," there was a clear prominence of submissiveness and dependency. As the musical numbers passed by, little by little the tone becomes less complaint and yielding and the dances became more racy.

The combination of red ruby lips and accessories with black clothing apart from representing the journey of sexuality for women, also "empowered the girls more," said Isotti.

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Humor vs. hardships

A discussion surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and how the use of comedy can soften the blow of the reality.

From KASHUA - 5

"I was silent, knowing that my attempt at living together with others in this country was over. That the lie I’d told my children about a future in which Arabs and Jews share the country equally was over," writes Kashua.

Although Kashua once called West Jerusalem his home, he explained that he currently has no reason to be optimistic about the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"It’s frustrating when you lose hope. I gave up. Back in the summer of 2014, that’s when I realized it was very traumatic [leaving Israel]," said Kashua. He also said that in order to believe there soon be a shared state, "you need to be very naive in order to think that way."

As tragic events continued in the Middle East, Kashua referenced the Gaza War of 2014 and said that he stopped writing the series after the fourth season because they [Palestinians and Israelis] will share the land equally. [But] it’s not rational talking about it." In addition to writing the television series, Kashua is a columnist for Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper, and has recently released another novel titled "Track Changes." "Arab Labor" can be streamed online in the United States from college freshmen in 1990 majoring in paleontology. With such popular critical acclaim, reworking "Jurassic Park" sounds like a great idea, right?

In short, 2015's "Jurassic World," which was well received by audiences, has yet another "soft reboot" in 2018's "Fallen Kingdom," has yet another new director, J.A. Bayona. It will feature only two actors from the previous film, the lalackter lovebirds Bryce Dallas Howard and Chris Pratt. Original cast member Jeff Goldblum is slated to make a cameo, but that won’t make the film any less underwhelming than it looks already.

Another movie cashing in on a franchise reboot is "Solo: A Star Wars Story." With such a massive Builders teased during Super Bowl 52 this past Sunday. Some looked good; some looked bad; some just looked like a huge waste of money.

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Stop me if you've heard this one, a a muscular guy is held hostage by a group of terrorists at the top of an extremely tall building. The terrorists are also threatening his family and the other people in the building.

So, it’s not "Die Hard," it’s the upcoming (and quite unoriginal) Dwayne Johnson action flick "Skyscraper." "Skyscraper" was one of several major summer blockbusters teased during Super Bowl 52 this past Sunday. Some looked good; some looked bad; some just looked like a huge waste of money.

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"I was silent, knowing that my attempt at living together with others in this country was over. That the lie I’d told my children about a future in which Arabs and Jews share the country equally was over."

-An excerpt from Sayed Kashua's column on Harretz.com
For many voters, 2016 presented a difficult dichotomy. The nominees from each major political party were widely unpopular, even amongst the party’s respective bases. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were disliked by more voters than perhaps any other nominees in modern political history. Just before the election, a USA Today poll of registered voters showed exactly how dire the situation was for both candidates. Clinton had 59 percent un-favorability, and Trump had 60 percent. Yet, their names were at the top of the ballot, sparring in three ensuing debates throughout the fall of 2016 and absorbing press coverage like sponges. The main narrative: we are all so, you got. However, they were not. On the ballot in most states were both two-term governor and Libertarian Gary Johnson and physician and Green Party member Dr. Jill Stein. While Johnson and Stein were seen by many, as the only two serious third-party contenders there were dozens more. In 23 states, there was attorney Darrell Castle of the Constitution Party, in 10 states. The direction of the party has to come from the ground up.

As of the 2015-2016 academic year, Division I athletes play these games on the backs of these players’ jerseys. Stadiums are packed with screaming, rowdy, and customers coming to see professional athletes and Olympians while simultaneously making products displaying the names of the teams they support. The revenue generated is multi-million dollar industry. College sports produce future

**OPINION**

Elephants. Donkeys. What’s Next?

Does the US need a third political party?

"A party must first entrench itself in local and state politics. They need to run candidates for school board, water commissioner, mayor, city council, school committee. The direction of the party has to come from the ground up."

And his pitch was "I am not one of them." But even with his anti-establishment, at the end of the day he still had a major organization backing him. Our current third parties do not. But what would take for a third party to break out onto the main stage next cycle? First, third parties need to stop running candidates during presidential elections. While exactly what that may look like is not yet clear, but we saw in 2016 what it won’t look like. A viable third party will be here to stay when it can get elected at all levels of government. To win, that candidate must appeal to middle America — the large chunk of the country between the far left and far right that believe this has all gone on for far too long. Only when all of these criteria are met will a third party flourish. Until then, the other two are all we have got.

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Editor's Word

The digital age has made it easier than ever to become connected with others, whether it be close in proximity or halfway across the planet. No matter where they are located, a simple message can be sent in seconds. What could go wrong?

Human interaction and the way we view others has seemed to be negatively impacted through the development of technology. Instead of talking in person and meeting more "organically," a sentient being has turned into a tinder swipe right, with their worth being centered around their attractiveness and first profile picture. The emotions attached to the initial instance of wanting to know more about a person has become obsolete and the last associated with those same feelings is overpowered due to the numb distance of an LED screen.

Yet, most young adults complain about how they cannot find love. It's an enigma to why romance is seemingly dead, even though a "quickie" is the new pick-up line. People type "lol" or "haha" with an emotionless expression, waiting for a response that will be just as fake. Interpersonal communication between others has become a game of who can do it the least, all while being glued to their phone when it does happen, because a swipe left is worse than fostering a friendship.

But it is time for us to take back what we have given to this fictional reality and reclaim the way we talk to each other. The distance between our screens leaves too much to the imagination so when talking face-to-face, we become lost. It is time to find our way back to actually laughing, tear jerking, belly laughing and retain the relationships created through in-person interactions.

Happy Valentine's Day, Rams.

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Division I players deserve better

From ATHLETES - 9 million in championship ticket sales. That's $921.2 million for the NCAA alone just from basketball, according to the NCAA website.

It all is at the expense of the athlete, nor the institution or program, as the athletes do not see a cent.

The most common argument is that institutions pay for the form of scholarships, apparel, trainers and other assets that athletes can use. And this claim isn't entirely bogus. However, programs can pay for clothing, travel and scholarships, but many college students, even those who aren't athletes, would claim that being provided for in cash value is much more valuable than material objects.

According to two- time Pro-Bowler Richard Sherman during a pre-Super Bowl press conference in 2015, student athletes are not given the time they need to excel in school and often have trouble balancing, yet with money for everyday necessities. During the interview, Sherman reminisced on his own time at Stanford University where he played college football and earned a degree in communications.

"Usually my [bank] account was in the negative more time than it was in the positive. You've got to make decisions on whether you get gas for your car or whether you get a meal for the day," said Sherman.

It is not about student athletes choosing not to work either. According is that he is president in 2014 by Marc Edelman, a contributor to Forbes, "The typical Division I player devotes 43.3 hours per week to his [or her] sport."

This doesn't even include the hours student athletes put into schoolwork. It would be difficult to argue that student athletes could work part-time as a large portion of college students do to have some tangible money to walk around with.

In addition, Edelman also points out that if a sports program performs at a high caliber, student applications rise to any given institution.

The fact of the matter is that Division I athletes contribute to colleges in more than just money. A sports program that performs well produces media coverage and transfers become marketed for the school, turning outstanding athletes into free marketing puppets for the school.

Overall, Division I athletes in universities across the U.S. should be compensated for the time they put in as a full-time athlete while being a full-time student.

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Political ignorance: Who can turn a blind eye

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Regardless of what identity you hold, you should be talking to others about reproductive justice. White people should be talking to black and brown people about gun violence. LGBTQI people should be listening to transgender and genderqueer individuals about their rights. It sounds scary but we really are in this together and we need to start listening to each other's problems and supporting one another.

These conversations are important because of the risks of not having them.

It is important for people who are most benefited by politics to engage in conversations not only with one another, but with those who are most incapacitated by them. They need to understand how policies take shape and how they affect other people in ways that don't affect them.

The former President of the Women's March Tamika Mallory came by Suffolk University, thanks to Black Student Union and the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion, and her words have inspired this new way of understanding politics. I have been exposed before, to the idea that politics are something to be considered seriously, as a way of understanding human rights. It wasn't until Mallory's wise words that I was able to fully comprehend the gravity of such a concept.

People of color, queer, disabled, etc. do not have the privilege to opt out of the political conversation; their lives depend on it.

Trump is president of the United States for many reasons, but a vital reason to understand this is that many people, who had the least to lose, were too uncomfortable to tell all the people close to them that they were wrong. That is a privilege that the marginalized cannot afford. Those on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Temporary Protected Status (TPS) cannot afford to stay silent on politics. Those who aren't targeted by the "Muslim ban" could not stay silent on politics. No one should have the right to ignore politics, as politics affect every aspect of our day-to-day lives.

Without it, we would not have any language to communicate how our rights should be upheld. It's the reason we have rights, and it's the reason we're able to fight for more rights.

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Suffolk University's women's basketball freshman point-guard Jenni-Rose DiCecco was named Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Corsias Rookie of the Week. Along with the honor, DiCecco surpassed an all-time Suffolk athletics single-season record with her seventh award, matching her ahead of sophomore teammate, Alexis Hacksett, who won the award six times in 2016-17. DiCecco has led the Lady Rams to an 18-6 season, putting them third in the conference.

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Jumpstarting into her collegiate career, DiCecco immediately made an impact on the team. In her first game of the season, the freshman scored 21 points and notched two steals while playing the entire 40 minutes of the game. She continued her early success in the Roadrunner Tip-Off Tournament, leading the Lady Rams to the crown. In the semi-final game, DiCecco came on assist shy of a double double with 10 points and nine assists. The next day, the freshman added 11 points with four assists in the championship game.

"DiCecco has brought so much to the team, stepping into the role as our starting point guard. That's not an easy job for anyone to do, especially a freshman," said senior forward Jordan Hipwell. "We have a lot of time on the court. The team in assists per game, steals per game, total three-pointers made and total free throws made as well as tied for first in points per game."

"She's a very good point guard," said forward Jordan Hipwell in an interview with The Journal. "She's going to do amazing things in her four years here, keep an eye out for her.

Freshman exhibits potential to pave way

Jenni-Rose DiCecco solidifies spot in Lady Rams' record book with seventh GNAC Rookie of the Week award.

Rams skate toward strong playoff run in CCC

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minutes later, freshman Joseph Mortillaro answered on the power play with Suffolk's first goal of the night to make the game 3-1. Sophomore Brian Brooks edged the Rams forward with a shorthanded goal two minutes later Mortillaro brought the energy back to the Rams, tying the game. The Rams came out on top to win 6-3.

"We stayed positive on the bench and were able to get the win," said Jenkins. "That was a huge win and something that I'll definitely remember."

Another memorable moment for the Rams this season came out of their electrifying take-all win in the Manchester P.A.L Cup/Stovepipe Tournament hosted by Southern New Hampshire University. On the first day of the tournament, Suffolk ousted the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 3-2 where Mortillaro scored two of the team's goals.

"[It brought] the team closer together," said Sweeney. "We didn't win the last two years and being able to beat those teams obviously makes it a lot more fun. It's something we'll remember for a while."

Suffolk will head to Endicott College this weekend where they will fight to keep the seniors playing in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Quarterfinals. "It's like starting the season all over again heading into practice this week," said Jenkins. "If we stay positive and focus on ourselves then we have a pretty good shot to move on."

Men's ice hockey celebrates one of six goals at senior night game.
Seniors gear up for final stretch

By Hannah Arroyo, Assistant Sports Editor

Four years have gone by for four Suffolk University men's ice hockey seniors that competed in their last regular season game on Saturday. A ceremony filled with family and friends before the game honored Rams Jack Jenkins, J.B. Sweeney, Shayne Bailey and Sam Kent.

The seniors have seen a tremendous amount of change in the hockey program since they first crossed the blue line. Sweeney explained how during his freshman year, the Rams had no true home ice and had to migrate from rink-to-rink in the Boston area. Since then, Suffolk has been gifted new equipment and a home locker room at Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Rink in Charleston.

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J.B. Sweeney, #3

Shayne Bailey, #25

Jack Jenkins, #8

Sam Kent, #28

freshman Matt Bucher held the game down, scoring the first tally of the game and his first collegiate goal. Later on he would add another unassisted goal to keep the Rams on top.

"All the freshmen have done exceptionally well this year," said Sweeney. "Some have played every game and they fit right in. They've done everything they've been asked."

What seemed to be an impressive start, skidded into a landslide of four straight losses for the Rams where their opponents outscored them 14-5. Suffolk would take this losing streak with a grain of salt coming back to win the following four games, even shutting out Western New England University 5-0.

"It's a little bit up and down in the win column, but we've got a great group of guys," said Jenkins in a recent interview with The Journal. Jenkins, who is one of the team's captains, has played in a total of 97 career games for Suffolk. He said that it feels like just yesterday he took the ice for the Rams for the first time.

In their last regular season game the Rams found themselves in a hole, as they were down by three goals nine minutes into the second period. Four