

THE WAITING GAME

Suffolk fed up with elevator issues,
administrators say end in sight

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Before the start of any given class period in Suffolk University's Sawyer building, a common scene has been students clustered around the elevators with looks of frustration and exacerbation creeping across their faces, as they realize that once again, they will be arriving late to their studies.

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Construction in Sawyer continues, Art students' home not finalized

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As the construction continues, the students and faculty of the Art and Design department are adjusting to their new home in the Sawyer building.

Initially delayed due to water damage on the A and B levels of Sawyer over the summer, the

construction on the two floors continued once the source of the damage was identified as groundwater from the parking lot that sits to the right of the building. According to Director of Construction Services Andre Vega, the construction company did an exploratory investigation of the damage once they were able to identify where the water was coming from. Once identified,

the company dug three feet into the ground next to Sawyer and applied "flashing," to keep water from coming in from the parking lot. Flashing refers to thin pieces of material, in this case metal, that are installed to prevent the passage of water into a structure as part of a weather resistant barrier system, according to Vega.

According to a university official, the

leak is not new, rather it has been an issue dating back to 1986.

According to Vega, when the construction crew demolished the basement levels over the summer, they were able to diagnose the water damage once materials had been cleared out of the previous storage spaces and where the old Suffolk University Police Department used to reside.

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-Director Andre Vega in reference to water damage in Sawyer

“It's all concrete, so there was some spalling of concrete and that's been repaired,” he said. “It appeared that it had been going on for a while. It was behind a wall and behind a bunch of stuff so it was really tough to say See ART page 2

Trump revises travel ban, includes three additional countries

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International students at Suffolk University are faced with new travel restrictions, after last week President Trump increased the scope of his controversial travel ban to include several new countries, while also removing Sudan. This means travelers to or from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen, may all face a widely varying group of constraints.

At Suffolk, and any other American university, students may now be unable to go home and return to school after classes are completed for the year depending on which of the banned countries they are from. The law states that any entry into the country by Syrians is completely suspended without

exception. But for those looking to come from Venezuela, all are allowed to travel with exception for government officials and their immediate family members.

Out of all the countries discussed in the new ban, Venezuela represents the largest population of Suffolk students with more than 50 enrolled this year. In contrast to this, there are less than ten students enrolled from North Korea, Syria, Chad, Yemen and Libya combined.

"I think, as much as I disagree with most of President Trump's action regarding policy, that's the only portion of the ban that I do understand," said Student Government Association president and Suffolk senior Daniel Gazzani regarding the inclusion of Venezuela into the travel ban in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal.

Gazzani is from Venezuela, a country whose government he

said he believes needs to be recognized as guilty of many human rights violations and fraudulent election activities.

"I think it's more of punitive measure to punish [the North Korean and Venezuelan] governments for the courses of policy action they have taken against the United States," continued Gazzani.

On Twitter, President Trump explained his motivation for moving forward with the ban as centered around plans to, "not admit those into our country we cannot safely vet."

More than 200 countries were reviewed as to how well they would be able to provide

Homeland Security with detailed identifying information about those citizens which intend to travel into the United States. The Office of the Press Secretary that those countries which did not meet these standards would be limited in their

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ability to travel to the U.S.

Unlike the previous ban, the new plan will be active indefinitely, until those countries either make changes that would allow them to be compliant with the new rules, or until the supreme court rules it as unconstitutional.

"I think the travel ban continues to leave students that are impacted nervous, scared, afraid, I think they're nervous to study abroad or to travel home and come back," explained Dean of Students Ann Coyne in an interview

with The Suffolk Journal.

Coyne described how although most students will not be directly affected by the new policies, it leaves many "concerned and confused."

"Within the university it's our role to keep students safe on campus and to provide them with support and resources they need so they can cope with these stressors," insisted Coyne.

Much of the initial push-back surrounding Trump's original proposed travel ban was due to the overwhelming majority

of the populations being Muslim. This, following comments in December of 2015 calling for a "total and complete shutdown" of Muslims entering the country. The inclusion of North Korea and Venezuela have signaled to some as an attempted distancing of his administration from the accusations of the travel ban being motivated by any anti-Muslim sentiment.

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Art program takes advantage of resources while construction prolongs

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'this should've been fixed a long time ago,' but it definitely should've been fixed a long time ago. It's been a while."

Vega said that the two basement levels were initially supposed to be finished when the rest of the Art and Design department floors were done, which was originally set for May of this year. But because of the timing involved with initially finding the damage, the construction was delayed by a few months, and according to Vega, should now be finished in a couple of weeks.

"You have to keep in mind that those two levels are about three stories below grade - so they're very well under ground, so when you have water filtration at that level it's very difficult to tell where it's coming from. So you can see the water staining on the walls, but also along the ceiling and the steel. So we've repaired all those elements."

Administrative Services Manager, Anita Sen was initially concerned because of the potential of losing the space entirely, meaning that the fine arts students could have possibly lost their work space altogether due to the damage. However, do to the current work being done by facilities in Sawyer, the construction on "A" is nearly finished, putting the timeline for the rest of the building on track toward completion.

"It's an old building, it's an old city. Is there a permanent solution? I don't think the university can afford it, but they are doing what they can for the students," Sen said.

The newly installed classrooms have been renovated with advanced technology designed to fit the needs of students of all concentrations. Last semester, prior to the summer-time move, the Art and Design department adopted a Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), the new program for Art and Design majors, minors and all those participating

in art classes. A Cloud-based system that will not only relieve students of a file-sharing system like Dropbox, but will allow students and faculty alike to access various graphic design programs from remote locations, according to Sen, effectively eliminating the need to work on campus in Art and Design specific computer labs.

According to Sen, the implementation of this program began last semester with regard to instructional meetings for students and faculty alike, complete with faculty members standing by at the 75 Arlington building prepared for troubleshooting.

Sen told The Journal on Tuesday afternoon that many of the informational meetings have been mandatory so as to ensure student involvement and understanding with VDI. She confirmed to The Journal reporters that the department will not be receiving new Macintosh computers due to the availability of programs that are included in VDI. While



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Flashing along Sawyer building edge on the parking lot side.

Sen did recognize that some students and faculty had some difficulty in learning how to navigate the new program, told

The Journal that it's her understanding that the entire university will eventually become privy to the virtual desktop.

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Programming malfunction on elevators set to resolve this week

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The student body has shown some discontent recently toward the elevators' delayed service in one of Suffolk's most prominent academic buildings.

"This is what our tuition gets us?" said freshman Alex Coninck in a recent interview with *The Suffolk Journal*. "We pay a lot of money, we should have functioning elevators. It is really inconvenient to get to classes in Sawyer."

On Monday, university spokesman Greg Gatlin released a statement that announced the university is aware of the faults and detailed what has caused frequent delays in service. According to the statement, the delays are the result of two separate issues: reprogramming of the elevators and accidental activation of a safety feature.

The non-traditional modern system by Delta Beckwith Elevator in the lobby of 8 Ashburton Place has left patrons of the Suffolk community riding a lift confused and indifferent.

"You never know where you're going," said senior Ashley Sullivan to *The Journal*. "You just kind of have to jump in hoping you get where you have to go."

Professors have also taken notice to the congested elevator system, especially ones who teach classes on the higher floors of the Sawyer building.

Dr. Anurag Sharma teaches for the physics department on the ninth

floor of Sawyer. As an associate professor, he said that he has a love-hate relationship with the elevators, although he is not sure how they could be improved upon.

"If you are late, a whole crowd is waiting for the same elevator for the same floor," said Sharma. "At peak time, it's nearly impossible."

The university has recently set their sights on fixing the problem that has been illuminated by a full load of student traffic brought on by the start of the fall semester. The process to resolve these issues has begun, according to University Director of Construction Services Andre Vega.

"The elevator travel times weren't really an issue because the student body is so light in the summer," said Vega in a recent interview with *The Journal*. "I think they put in the orders, so they probably will be in this week."

According to the statement, the university is working with Delta Beckwith to rectify these issues.

"Long wait times for students trying to get to and from class and other building uses is an inconvenience that is not acceptable," said Gatlin.

Elevators have, at times, been rendered inoperable when the door has been held open for too long. After the doors are open for an extended period of time, an alert is triggered that disables the elevator until service representative arrives to fix it, officials said.

"We have to call a technician to reset the elevator," said Vega. "[The time it takes] can vary. It depends on how busy the technician is and when they can get there. It's not something that we can do in-house."

Whenever a technician is called from Delta Beckwith, the university is charged through its contractor C&W Services. The university did not specify the amount of each repair charge.

The recent transition of the Art & Design department, formerly known as New England School of Art and Design (NESAD), from 75 Arlington St. to the Sawyer building has also had an unintended detrimental effect on the elevators. According to the statement, the elevators last year were programmed in a way that did not allow them to travel a single floor in either direction.

"This programming encouraged students, faculty and staff to use the stairs and eliminated very short rides," according to the statement.

The elevators were also programmed not to allow travel to the floors in which construction was taking place. When the Art & Design floors were open to the public and the semester began, the system was not adjusted to disallow travel up or down a single floor, according to officials.

"I think it was a matter of somebody didn't tell them that that's the way it needed to be done," said Vega.

The ability to



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Scaffolding set on Sawyer's north entrance to restore the building's façade

travel a lone floor has considerably slowed the pace of elevator traffic, but students have made the best of their situation.

"I mean, it's an okay system. The elevators are better in buildings where there is a visible stairwell nearby because it provides people with options versus strictly taking the elevator," said junior Luisa Drumond. "In Sawyer, some people just take the stairs to avoid waiting. Personally, I don't take the stairs but also I wouldn't say that I wait too long for the elevator though either."

Along with the ongoing issues with the elevator system,

additional construction is also taking place to repair Sawyer's facade. Overhanging scaffolding on Sawyer's main entrance has become commonplace and will remain erect until the project's completion date set for November, according to the statement.

"At that time, the scaffolding will be removed and the façade will be restored to its original glory," said Gatlin.

While construction continues, students hope for a prompt conclusion to the maintenance in Sawyer, which in part has inhibited their ability to travel between floor in a

timely fashion. "[The elevators] make me late for class all the time," said junior Sabrina Belloste. "Usually I just have to take the stairs up nine floors, then I'm huffing and puffing."

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Law student cashes in win: Finalist wins \$25,000 scholarship

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To compete against other qualified law students for a chance at a \$65,000 scholarship may seem like a daunting task, but fourth year Suffolk Law student Catherine Dowie took the opportunity to put her legal writing skills to use in an area of law she was unfamiliar with. She walked away with the honor of placing second and \$25,000 in her pocket.

This New Jersey native has been enamored with law for some time now, having spent her undergraduate career at Smith College studying American government and computer science on weekdays and taking charge of the debate team as president on the weekends. Although the responsibilities of being on the debate team were vastly different from what she does now, these experiences helped shape her demeanor as an aspiring attorney.

Starting law school however was a different experience, but Dowie

was more than prepared to take on the new challenges. Qualifying for the Suffolk Moot Court team last year was no issue for Catherine. The Moot Court team allows students to refine their legal writing skills and work on cases that prepare them to practice law in the real world.

"From a team perspective, because you're dealing with a fake problem, there's going to be bounds from where the problem writers can write the problem," said Timothy Bolen, coach for the Suffolk Moot Court team in a recent interview with The Suffolk Journal. "[Dowie] is always spotting and identifying issues with the problem because she's always thinking in that real attorney mindset."

Her experience working previously as a paralegal for The Phia Group, LLC of which she is now a Manager in Legal Subrogation & Reimbursement Services, has also further developed her legal writing skills into something formidable.

This competition in which Dowie competed was sponsored by

Philip Shawe, whose company, Transperfect, was sold wholesale in a prolific court decision. The Delaware Court of Chancery, a court that settles disputes within corporations, decided that since the former partners were at a deadlock in how to manage the company, it would be sold despite its precipitous earnings. Shawe was appealing his case to the United States' Supreme court when he decided he needed a legal think tank to help him succeed in gaining control over the company from his wife. This think tank would have helped his legal team establish new ways to argue against the Delaware Supreme Court decision.

When Dowie became aware of the competition, she only had a week to prepare her brief before the deadline. She said while the research was strenuous, her time writing briefs for her Moot Court team and Phia was what allowed her to place top three, which garnered her the invitation to argue her position as a finalist.

Having had little experience with the

Takings Clause, which is a provision of the fifth amendment that prevents private property from being taken for public use without just compensation, Dowie had to do a great deal of research in a short amount of time.

"I read the opinions and a decent amount of material from the record, and just formulated the best arguments I could for why it hadn't been justified by the lower court," said Dowie in a recent interview with

The Journal. "They were taking this company away from this shareholder that had been able to generate profit for so long when the company wasn't in any financial struggle."

When describing how exactly a student can possess such a skillset, Bolen, who is an Adjunct Professor in the Legal Practice Skills Department, said Dowie's legal prowess is an impressive quality to have.

"One thing that strikes me with [Dowie] is that

she approaches problems from almost an over technical standpoint, which is great," said Bolen. "It's something I think will serve her exceptionally well when she leaves law school."

Having been awarded \$25,000 for her efforts, Dowie said she will have put the scholarship to good use by "putting a dent" in her loans.



Courtesy of Catherine Dowie

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NEWS BRIEFS

Tewksbury woman falls victim to Las Vegas shooting

Rhonda LeRocque, a 42-year-old Tewksbury mother was one of the 59 people killed in the Las Vegas mass shooting on Sunday night, according to the Boston Globe. She attended the concert with her husband Jason, six year old daughter, and father-in-law. Her father-in-law and daughter had just left the concert to head back to their hotel room when the shooting began. Korina Champagne, LeRocque's sister posted on Facebook Monday mourning her sister's passing. "My heart is broken, I'm numb, I feel paralyzed. This doesn't seem real," she wrote. "All I can do is turn to God's Word for comfort, just as she would want me to. May she rest now until her name is called and she is awakened in paradise." The four had planned to head to Disney Land in Anaheim, California with their daughter. LeRocque's mother Priscilla Champagne continues to mourn the loss of her daughter. "My first thought waking up this morning is, 'I'll never see my baby girl again.' I loved her so much." said Champagne at her home on Tuesday morning.

Student entrepreneurs pen success from crowd-funding projects

The Sawyer Business School offered its first-ever crowd-funding class last fall. Two of the student entrepreneurs have come a long ways since then. Senior Sara Maloney's crowd-funding enterprise is called Buddha Bus Yoga. Her mission is to take yoga out of the studio and make it more accessible for offices, college campuses, and community centers. Crowd-funding has allowed her to acquire yoga mats and a corporate card. She already has clients that include Life is Good, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and Keryx Biopharmaceuticals. Recent Suffolk graduate James Testa has also had success with his crowd-funding project. It was during his own recovery process from a serious accident last year that he found inspiration for his venture. He wanted to find a more user friendly way of getting protein into his system in order to rebuild his muscle mass, without having to drink protein shakes every time. According to his website, WarmUp Coffee has only 60 calories and 15 grams of protein per serving. Testa has received press from Fox News and BostInno. He has also successfully convinced gyms to stock his product.

Tom Price resigns from Trump cabinet for spending habits

Tom Price, former health and human services secretary officially resigned from his position on Friday. Prior to his resignation, Price had received criticism for taking charter flights at the government's expense, which is directly funded by taxpayer dollars. According to the New York Times and Politico, Price had racked up over \$400,000 in travel expenses on chartered jets this year. In addition to this, Price took military aircraft to Africa, Europe, and Asia, bringing his bill to over \$1 million. He offered to reimburse the government for \$51,887.31, which would cover the cost of his seat on the flights, but not of his staffers. Price's actions threatened one of President Donald Trump's key campaign promises to drain the swamp of Washington. His resignation letter read, "I regret that the recent events have created a distraction from these important objectives. Success on these issues is more important than any one person. In order for you to move forward without further disruption, I am officially tendering my resignation." Trump appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary Don J. White as acting secretary.



Suffolk professors talk options on North Korea

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While North Korea is considered a reclusive country, many still venture to the nation in order to learn more about the inner political workings of the government. As a part of social sciences week, the Government and Philosophy departments at Suffolk University held an internal panel this past Tuesday to further discuss North Korea with a few Suffolk professors that have visited the country. Chairperson Gregory Fried of the Philosophy department moderated the discussion among the panel and brought up the question of just war theory with the potential threat from North Korea.

Fried speculated about the outcome of the relationship the United States has with North Korea, now that they have nuclear weapons that can reach the West Coast of the U.S. He said President Donald Trump might be holding war with North Korea as an option to distract the country from what is happening internally.

Visiting Suffolk Professor Friedrich Lohr and previous North Korean diplomat to Germany, said during the panel that Trump does not have enough knowledge of nuclear deterrence. Lohr also compared Trump to Idi Amin, previous dictator of Uganda, with how Trump has seemed to declare his power of being the president of the U.S.

"The problem with Kim Jong-un is that he's just like Donald Trump. They know how to brag, how to yell, and how to threaten," said History professor Ronald Suleski during an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "And that's not [going to] lead to any good."

Professor Weiqi Zhang, a government assistant professor, along with Professor Lohr, who



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On left: Clockwise Gregory Fried, Weiqi Zhang, Friedrich Lohr, Ronald Suleski | On right: Kim Jong-un

have both been to North Korea, agree that in Asia it is important to save face.

"We've got to find a way for [Trump and Jung-un] to both stand down without losing any face," said Suleski. "You're a bully, you're a braggart, you don't really want to lose face, but you don't really want to fight either."

Suleski visited northeast China by the

say anything so they just walk away, especially in the border zones around North Korea.

However, according to Suleski, it does not seem that the Chinese and South Koreans are afraid of war with North Korea. Suleski feels that a lot of people in Asia, directly north of North Korea, or in Seoul, South Korea are not worried about a war.

Japan is more concerned with the

Ri Yong Ho's interaction with Trump at the United Nations two weeks ago, Japan understands that North Korea is at least in contact with the U.S. Japan is afraid they will have no allies to support them if North Korea decides to launch an attack, according to Suleski.

"The whole thing is a tinder box and people are playing with fire: if one spark goes off in the

his experience traveling there. He went on to say that it is unlikely for North Korea to initiate an attack on the U.S. due to their size as a country. Zhang offered his thoughts that North Korea's best strategy would be to be a neutral small power that played off of two major powers instead of attacking one major power.

"I always say that China is the one to solve

Chinese know that every time North Korea sends a missile toward the Pacific, the North Koreans can send it toward Beijing.

On the other hand, according to Suleski, Trump's antagonizing behavior could potentially end up starting a war. "Trump doesn't think deeply, he doesn't in any complex way," said Suleski. "People say he doesn't think in a complex way. He sees an issue and he reacts to it."

Overall, the panel came to a consensus that the relations between the U.S. and North Korea look bleak and each panel member hopes that the nightmare outcome will not happen: the United States will use nuclear weapons on North Korea, and then Russia and China will react with nuclear weapons of their own and the planet will engage in nuclear warfare, ending catastrophically.

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- Professor Ronald Suleski

North Korean border this past June and interviewed many Chinese and Koreans who have been to North Korea. He also visited Seoul, South Korea to search for more information on the secretive country.

"No one wants to talk about North Korea," said Suleski during the panel. There are too many spies from North Korea, South Korea and China that everyone is too afraid to

concept of nuclear war due to their lack of nuclear weapons and their complicated relationship with North Korea. The Chinese lack a relationship with Japan because of the war with China about Japan occupying land in China. "What if North Korea lashes out on Japan?" said Suleski. "Who will come to their defense?"

Considering North Korean foreign minister

wrong spot the whole place could burn down," said Suleski.

Everyone on the panel appeared to be concerned about the current relations with North Korea and said that they each have friends there and know people that could be harshly affected.

Zhang also confirmed that everyone has to be careful of what is said when they are in North Korea, based on

it," said Suleski. "China is the one to bring people together. China is the one to take down Kim Jong-un, if anyone can do it. My personal feeling is that China has all the spies they need in North Korea."

He said that Asians typically wait a little bit and don't act impulsively because Asians know the situation will change slightly. China is not acting yet because the

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Saudi women get green light to drive

With a new deal, women will be able to take the wheel by next June

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Saudi Arabia has recently made strides in the campaign on women's rights, both with the recognition of International Women's Day as well as the lift of women's driving ban. Opinions about the decision vary on the Suffolk campus with those who grew up as citizens of Saudi Arabia possessing mixed views while the Western world seeing the decision as one of positive change towards America's view of Saudi.

Throughout the Middle East, Islam is interpreted in many different ways that align to one's culture or country. These types of laws and ideas derive from the history of the country, culture and the way some Saudi's look at their religion.

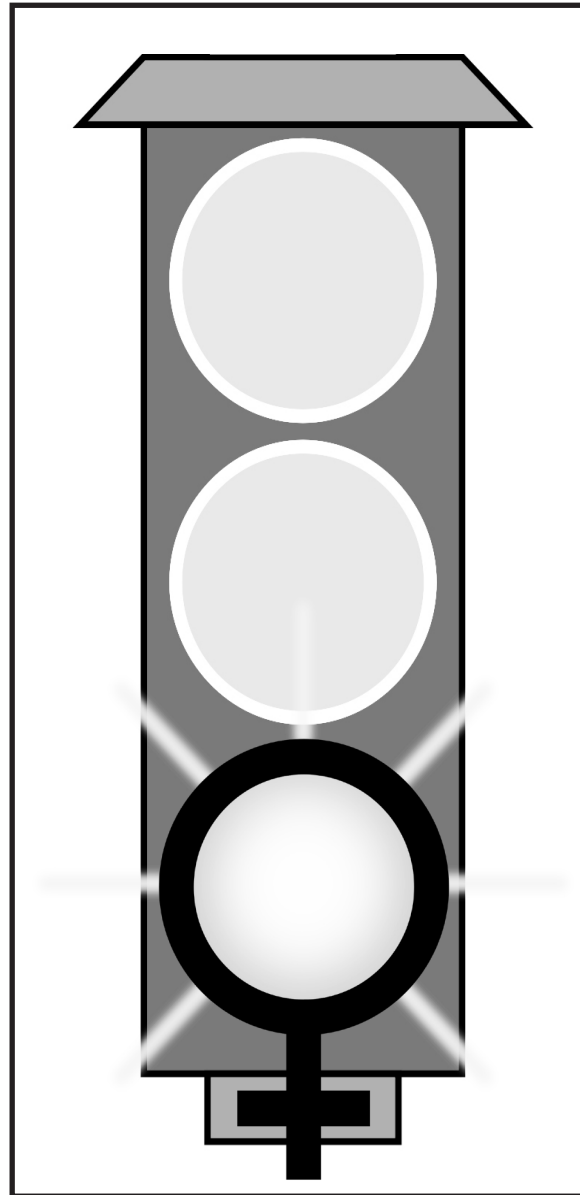
According to Shaza Mass, a biology major at Suffolk, in Saudi Arabia, women, such as herself, never really felt any sense of "oppression" by not being allowed to

drive, because as a part of their culture, they did not really see it as a necessity. "You are born not having to do as much as the men do, everything that the women needed to do was close to them, there was no need for them to drive anywhere," said Mass.

Traditionally, women are expected to wear hijab while going out or around other men that aren't family, but in the comfort of their own homes, friends and families, or parties, women do not dress in hijab, rather in clothes that appeal to them, not unlike anything that would be worn in the U.S., Mass said.

"The segregation actually brought more comfort because when we go out we have to wear hijabs," said Mass. "When we are in their own homes around their families we are able to do and dress however we want."

Saudi's hold mixed views on the overturn, some praised the ruling while others wonder how it will affect their everyday lives. These types of restrictions derived from some of the traditional Saudi values. As time progresses, so do the mindsets of the country's people. As the mindsets



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of the citizens progresses, the development of the country is able to move forward.

The ruling is due to

the 2030 Plan, enacted by Mohammad Bin Salman, the Deputy Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, as himself and his government try

to move the country to less oil-based economy and put policies in place to help domestic services and tourism, according to BBC. The President of Suffolk University's Saudi Student's Association, Rayan AlJelaly said in an interview with the Suffolk Journal, "Women in Saudi Arabia are allowed to drive now and the reason for that is because our new king and our crown prince have a new vision of Saudi Arabia, it's a vision called 2030 and it's going through two steps which is in 2020 and 2030. Saudi Arabia is developing," he said. "People have changed and so have their mindsets. Saudi Arabia is a great country ruled by a great government."

When the news came out about Saudi women now being able to drive, Americans were shocked that a country viewed as oppressive would let the decision pass. Although it is unclear as to how much weight the new rule will have, it goes into effect June 2018, the western world definitely saw a new side to Saudi Arabia, or at least, reports of the overturn did.

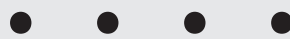
With the nature of U.S. news leaning more

towards the approval of Americans, it calls into question how much is actually accurate. "As a Caucasian, western protestant woman, I'm hesitant to talk on behalf of other woman, but I'm wondering how much of the news stories are just for western consumption and how much is actually happening on the ground," said by Suffolk University's Chaplain, Reverend Amy Fisher.

Although the means that the American people, as well as the rest of the Western world are getting their information, may be skewed, it's important to consider the lives of others that have this as a very real reality and something that has been apart of both their religion and culture for centuries, as described by Reverend Fisher, "I hope the [The Western World] digests the nuances within Islam itself, as I believe it is the most misunderstood religion by non-Muslims."

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ANTI-TERROR | FRANCE

France's parliament has passed a new anti-terrorism law that aims to bring an end to a nearly two-year-long state of emergency.

The state of emergency began after the Paris attacks that occurred on Nov. 13, 2015 when 130 people were killed by an assault by so-called Islamic State militants. It has been extended six times since it was put into effect. The bill was approved with 415 votes supporting it and 127 against it, with 19 abstentions. It is expected to become law before the state of emergency expires on Nov. 1.

The law will allow members of government, instead of just judges, to approve the confinement of individuals of their hometowns and require them to report to police once a day. Authorities will also be able to enforce security perimeters around at risk areas, such as airports and train stations. People and vehicles within the security perimeter will be able to be searched by authorities. The new bill will also allow places of worship to be shut down if preachers are found to be promoting radical ideology. A poll by France's Le Figaro newspaper found that 57 percent of French people approve of the new law.

REFERENDUM | CATALINA

In response to Catalonia's referendum this past weekend, King Felipe VI of Spain stated in a televised address Tuesday that the separatist government had acted "totally outside law and democracy." Trade unions led a powerful general strike Tuesday that shut down businesses, highways and schools in a mass protest against police violence during the region's chaotic independence vote. Spain's national police and civil guard were sent to shut down the referendum that was composed of nearly two million people in support of Catalonia's nationhood. Police were said to have been beating voters with rubber batons and dragging them away from ballot boxes. The polarization of the separatists and those that are in favor of keeping Spain united grows each day. Regional President and a leading secessionist, Carles Puigdemont said Sunday that Catalonia had won "the right to independence," and Monday he called on European leaders to support the cause. However, Spain's European affairs minister, Jorge Toledo, claims that the crisis was a Spanish internal matter and that any future discussions must be between the central and regional governments.



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Will Grubb as Avery carefully lifts the lid to Pandora's Box while Sam Fagone as Lara Croft warily watches.

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Filled with nostalgia, action and humor, junior theatre major Justin Smith brings Lara Croft to life in an original production inspired by the critically acclaimed video game series, "Tomb Raider," in the latest installment of the Suffolk University Spotlight Series, "A Fish Without a Bicycle."

The video game series "Tomb Raider" began in 1996 with its first installment, and continues to produce new chapters, with the most recent "Rise of the Tomb Raider" (2015). In a post-show interview with The Suffolk Journal, student director and playwright Smith explained his introduction to the series with "Tomb Raider: Anniversary" (2007), "I just kind of fell in love with it. It just seemed so cool, to see her swinging and climbing, rocking those pistols, looking badass, just so awesome," he said.

Starring five Suffolk film students, the production follows the inspirational heroine Croft, played by junior theatre major Sam Fagone as she seeks to recover

three artifacts before supporting characters Trent, played by junior film major Sam Deans, and Hawes played by sophomore theatre major Kaleigh Ryan, can retrieve them. Croft receives help from the inexperienced and clumsy Avery, played by sophomore theatre major Will Grubb and her butler, Winston, played by sophomore theatre major Justin Peavey. Adding to the number of obstacles in the recovery of the artifacts, Croft and Avery come into conflict with several Guardians, also portrayed by Deans, Ryan and Peavey of the ancient locations she visits.

Lara Croft as a character is recognized as a strong, independent adventurer and the writing for this play holds true to this character model, as Sam Fagone sprinted around the stage wielding two very shiny pistols as Croft's weapon of choice.

Smith described himself as an intense supporter of women's equality, which he focused on in the show by flipping the stereotypical roles of the man and woman in action-adventure stories. In the play, Croft is accompanied by Avery, who Smith described as, "basically the damsel in distress," as he is constantly in need of

Croft's help.

Due to external issues regarding scheduling amongst cast members, Smith recalled some difficulties in following through with the suggested meeting times for working on the production. This forced Smith to "make up the schedule" as the weeks progressed forward in order to ensure that the production would be finished on time.

During the casting process, Smith faced several issues, including the need to recast the role of Winston, as well as three actors cast for the role of Lara Croft. The original choice for the role of Lara Croft dropped out shortly after her casting, and within the same week the second pick dropped out as well. Smith then came to Fagone, a choice that Smith described by saying, "I don't feel like I settled at all, she's really taken a lot of initiative with this, she's asked me questions, she's tried to arrange stuff, I never felt like I had to make her do anything, we were equally invested in the process."

Using very simple images projected onto the backdrop behind the stage, as well as a few unique props, the play explored several



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Sam Fagone as Lara Croft battles a Guardian, portrayed by Kaleigh Ryan in "A Fish Without a Bicycle."

locations, including the Czech Republic, Greece, Italy and Portugal, all of which felt like different settings on stage. One audience member, senior sociology and theatre

major Olivia Lowe, said that for her, the set and costume design were the most impressive features of the show, as she could tell that there was a lot of thought put into it, and

that it must have been very time-consuming.

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“Midnight Ride” makes light of potential global nuclear threat

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Theatre is perhaps one of the most effective ways to articulate ideas and opinions, not only for the purpose of telling stories, but also to communicate powerful and political messages in a visually stimulating way. In James Carroll’s “Midnight Ride,” Carroll paints a vivid, detailed picture of United States’ first Secretary of Defense James Forrestal and his experience managing nuclear weapons in post-World War II and the effects of his decision on the global, nuclear progression thereafter.

Carroll’s ability to integrate non-fiction history with modern opinions and hypothesis has essentially introduced a new, simplistic and confrontational emergence of theatre.

“Who loaded the gun that Donald Trump is now pointing at the American future?” asked Carroll in a question and answer session with the audience after the play. This underlying question is what Carroll attempts to answer throughout the play.

The cast of five, composed of Actors’ Equity members and Suffolk alumni, took their places on stage at the Modern Theatre on Monday night for a staged reading of the play. Portrayed as an incredibly intelligent and thoughtful middle-aged man, Actors’ Equity member Benjamin Evett played James Forrestal with brusque enthusiasm throughout the reading.

The first scene opened with the naval theme, “Eternal Father” accompaniment in the background, while projections of the Sept. 11, 2011 Pentagon attack created a backdrop for the actors. Quotes from Harry Truman, Ronald Reagan, the Iliad and other relevant origins were intermittently projected on the screen with the change of each scene to connect direct historical references to the emotion of each scene, making each scene more relatable for the audience.

Forrestal and his wife, Josephine, played by



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Left to Right: Nick Wilson, James Carroll, Nael Nacer and Robert Walsh

“I would love Suffolk to have a context for this. It is important to have plays that talk about political stuff like this right now.”

-Wesley Savick
Director and
Theatre Professor

Actors’ Equity member Marianna Bassham, take the stage dressed in classic 1940’s attire: Forrestal, a classic dark gray suit with a white shirt and a black and white striped tie; and Josephine in a long, white and purple, floral, collared dress with her hair cut to a chin length bob, framing her face with loose, flowy curls.

The two engage in an argument centered around Forrestal’s nerves about attending a cabinet meeting at the Pentagon with Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, played by Actors’ Equity member Robert Walsh. Josephine tells Forrestal that she refuses to go to the Pentagon, explaining that she thinks it is haunted and that it is, “Just another tombstone,” effectively foreshadowing the Sept. 11 attack.

Upon Forrestal’s arrival at the meeting, he realizes that Stuart Symington, Under-Secretary for Air, played by Suffolk 2006 graduate and Actors’ Equity member Nael Nacer is present at the



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Director Wesley Savick

meeting as well, much to Forrestal’s displeasure. After a heated discussion between the three about how to deal with the atomic bomb, they receive a call from President

Harry Truman, asking that he hear the plan from Forrestal, ultimately promoting Forrestal from Secretary of Navy to Secretary of Defense.

With the announcement

of this plan on Sept. 11, 1945, Carroll asserts this as the beginning of the nuclear arms race with the Soviet Union.

“The facts of this moment have been driving the American race,” said Carroll in a post-show interview with The Suffolk Journal. “The course we took is fulfilling the worst possible vision of what was imaginable at the time.” Carroll said that he based the entire play off of the moment when the U.S. agreed to give the nuclear bomb to the United Nations.

Moreover, Carroll incorporated various references to modern issues, such as North Korea and ISIS, by utilizing Josephine, who had legitimate mental health problems during her lifetime, as a character that had “visions” of the future.

His purpose was to relate to what happened in the past and evaluate how the catastrophes of the modern world were rooted in the atomic bomb decision on Sept.

11, 1945. For those that had the privilege of working with Carroll during this process, they found the overall process extraordinary and quite prevalent in the world today.

“It’s chilling and engaging and exciting and terrifying,” said Evett. “There’s a lot that’s important here and that needs to be talked about.” Evett explained that working with Carroll was a very memorable experience because he has such an intimate relationship with the play which made the play itself all the more powerful.

“Working with James was an absolute delight,” said director Wesley Savick. “He’s such a smart and passionate man and he stays very focused on the things that matter.” Savick said that he enjoyed the overall process of being able to work with “a friend like James.” Furthermore, Savick hopes to see this progressive style of theatre utilized at Suffolk. “I would love Suffolk to have a context for this. It is important to have plays that talk about political stuff like this right now,” said Savick. He told The Journal that he hopes to see the play performed in Washington, D.C. because of the reflective nature of the play unto the world.

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Kneeling: A form of protest



By Twitter user @proviewusa

The Jackson Jaguars kneeling for the National Anthem

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The American flag has long been a symbolic image of the United States, a symbol that instills nationalist pride to many Americans; however, lately it has been a symbol of the nation's faults as well.

Colin Kaepernick, a former quarterback for the San Francisco 49'ers, set precedent for kneeling during the national anthem as a form of protest last year during a preseason game. The anthem was first sang at the 1918 World Series between the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox, according to the Washington Post. When Kaepernick first knelt, the ambiguity regarding his intentions was very high, and he was subject to huge criticism and was maligned by the public and the media.

Eventually, he went on to tell the public he was protesting about racial discrimination in law enforcement; "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color," Kaepernick said to reporters last year.

The 49'ers had backed the quarterback and said, "In respecting such American principles as freedom of religion and freedom of expression, we recognize the right of an individual to choose and participate, or not, in our celebration of the national anthem."

A common argument that has manifested in the middle of this controversy is that players who kneel are disrespecting veterans. As a society, we must acknowledge the legitimacy of this argument to show

contempt toward those players who kneel during the anthem, but we must not forget that the flag does not represent only what our veterans do for the nation. The American flag, also represents our history and all that our country stands for. The notion that the players and coaches that are advocating for or directly participating in this practice are indecent human beings who disrespect veterans is shortsighted given the reality.

As the 2016 season went on, more players followed suit, and this season players have continued this practice as a form of protest. The current controversy regarding President Donald Trump's tweets toward the NFL and its players has instilled an upsurge in player opposition toward the president, amongst the general public and players themselves.

Between Sept. 22 and Sept. 26 of this year, the president tweeted more than ten times regarding the protest, calling on Roger Goodell, the current NFL Commissioner, to "Tell them to stand!" in a tweet on Sept. 23. The surge went so far as to encourage players to wear or hold T-shirts on Sept. 24 that read "#IMWITHKAP" in support of Colin Kaepernick on the front.

Ever since the first kneel, the media has jumped on the issue, even though it is not new or worth the hype that it has received, and has been on every platform possible.

The freedom of expression that Americans hold close remains true, even in a setting where famous people such as professional athletes are subject to the criticism of millions. Just because some find it distasteful

does not mean it is not protected under law. Over coverage, mass discussion, and the public uproar has made the kneeling a much larger issue than it deserves to be, causing people to feel very passionately on both sides.

It is possible to protest something such as the flag that represents a country and its issues, while still only trying to bring attention to a small part of it.

For example, a teacher who goes on strike against their institution does not protest the whole school, but merely a single shortcoming that cannot be ignored.

It is very easy to throw other variables into the equation to make it less justifiably to kneel, but we have defined from Kaepernick and the discussions as a nation that followed the initial kneeling that this form of protest is geared toward policy brutality and racial injustice, and nothing more. It is not worth the constant coverage and constant discussion. Since we've defined what this form of protest means to the NFL, the public cannot fixate on the fact that the flag stands for veterans' service and their service alone, because it stands for more than just that.

In a CNN article published on Sept. 28, Philadelphia Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins spoke about the issue.

"This is us, as concerned citizens, trying to play our role in a bigger conversation about race in America, a bigger conversation about our criminal justice system, and our law enforcement," said Jenkins. "We're not anti-police. Many of us have worked hand-in-hand with law enforcement to figure out ways to really

move us forward in a better direction, to re-instill trust in our law enforcement and to really hold that accountability and transparency that our communities are looking for."

While there is an argument to be made that there may be a more appropriate way for NFL players to advocate for the ousting of police brutality, on a pragmatic level, the players are allowed to do it given the first constitutional amendment, and that the NFL has no explicit laws prohibiting it.

Trump has not helped the cause, and with his bestowing of more divisive tweets, more players have come forward.

In fact, three full teams boycotted the anthem, except for Army veteran Alejandro Villanueva who plays for Pittsburgh, in response to Trump's tweets according to Sports Illustrated.

Goodell stated, "I'm proud of our league."

Kneeling for the national anthem should not have created such a controversy. It's time to start looking at the intent behind the action, not the action itself.

The public should learn to respect one another's decisions and instead of maligning players for speaking out, it's time for the U.S. to take actions to address and inform the general population on the issue of police brutality and racial discrimination, and the public to stop drawing conclusions about players as people from it.

Only then will we see all players standing once again.

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Senseless shooting: When will the US listen to gun reform?

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In the wake of the mass shooting in Las Vegas that tragically took the lives of at least 59 people, and injured more than 500 others, the controversial gun control debate is once again making headlines. Politicians and world leaders have offered their condolences to the victims of the latest tragedy.

On Monday, President Donald Trump tweeted, "My warmest condolences and sympathies to the victims and families of the terrible Las Vegas shooting. God bless you!" Although these thoughts may be appreciated, they are not going to stop the next mass shooting, and certainly are not going to save lives.

In 1996, 35 people were killed and another 23 wounded in the Port Arthur massacre in Australia.

In the weeks that followed this attack, the Australian government introduced the National Firearms Agreement, which outlawed semi-automatic and fully automatic weapons. In addition to this, the agreement included a firearm buyback program, which resulted in over 650,000 weapons turned in to the government.

Since the agreement, there has been no reported mass shooting in Australia. Additionally, homicide and suicide rates drastically dropped as well according to a study done by Simon Chapman of Sydney University, Au. While America and Australia are two very different countries, there are still tens of thousands of Americans dying each year as a result of gun-related violence.

It is astonishing that little has been done to try and prevent these

unnecessary killings.

Since the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, which killed 49 on Jun. 12, 2016, there have been 521 mass shootings according to a report by the New York Times.

That is an average of more than one per day since the Pulse nightclub attack. Of these shootings, at least 585 people have been killed with an additional 2,156 injured.

What options are there to ultimately stop this problem? The answer is not as cut and dry as one would like to think.

Many people claim that the solution to the problem is more guns. After the Sandy Hook shooting which took the lives of 27, including 20 children in 2012, NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said in a press conference, "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

Would that have made a difference after this Sunday's attack? Probably not.

Even if everyone in the pavilion had been armed, the shooter fired upon them from the 32 window of a nearby hotel, making it nearly impossible for people to locate the source of the attack.

Coupled with the panic and hysteria that immediately followed, it would have been even more dangerous if the general public had also been armed.

On top of that, if the concertgoers had attempted to use a weapon in self-defense during this time, they would put themselves at risk of being misidentified as the attacker, which would have led to more confusion, and the possibility of a higher number of casualties.

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EDITOR'S WORD

It's with mournful minds and heavy hearts that we have to even write this. The United States of America has been faced with yet another inhumane tragedy, as Las Vegas has fallen victim to a mass shooting. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to those affected. But thoughts and prayers do not solve this epidemic, they don't heal the hearts of loved ones and they certainly do not bring back the lives that have been lost.

Terrorism has no place in the world. The conversation should not stem around the debate of which acts of violence are terrorism, whether domestic or otherwise. Political bounds and agendas, the left and the right, should not dictate how we talk about a gruesome act such as this.

We need to solve this in the most simplistic way possible, but yet the way society struggles with the most. We need to come together. We need to come together as family and friends, as neighbors and acquaintances, as citizens of this nation and as people. Humanity has lost its sense of compassion and empathy and has in part shifted its focus on those doings that should not be in the forefront of our minds. Whether you support the second amendment or not, whether you stand, kneel or sit for the national anthem, all of us have the ability to come together and make a positive impact upon mankind.

It's sad, to have to write about this, to plead, to practically beg the public to come together. But it starts in places where we truly can affect change-- at our homes, at our favorite department stores and restaurants and around our campuses.

In a statement released Monday by Suffolk's Acting President Marisa Kelly expressed her sentiments on behalf of the university.

"This horrific act fills us with unspeakable sorrow, and we mourn for the lives lost. Our hearts are with the victims, their families and loved ones, and we stand in support of the people of Las Vegas."

Alike Kelly, our entire staff at The Journal aches for the people impacted by such a tragedy. While the time to come together to enact change is past overdue, it's even more vital to come together in unity. As President Kelly said, we must support those affected by this horrendous act of violence. We must be an example of compassion and empathy, as an example of family. We must be here as someone to talk to, someone to lean on and as a shoulder to cry on.

Rest in Peace to those who lost their lives in Las Vegas, forever in our hearts.

Mass shootings should not be the norm

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With few self-defense options available, what could have been done to prevent such a devastating attack?

In order to prevent similar attacks from happening in the future, legislation needs to be passed in order to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of those who wish to use them in malicious ways.

When police gained access to the hotel room where the Vegas shooter was, the SWAT team found 23 firearms, and another 19 at his home in Mesquite, Nev. according to the New York Times.

How is it acceptable for

one individual to possess such an obscene amount of weapons without raising any sort of alarm? If people want to have a gun for protection, there is absolutely no need for 42 of them.

There are still loopholes in America that allow people to possess guns without going through background checks, such as if they are purchased privately, online or at a gun show.

One week after the Orlando nightclub shooting, four gun control proposals were voted on in the Senate, two of which were put forward by Democrats, and two by Republicans.

Democratic California Senator Dianne Feinstein's proposal would "let the

attorney general deny firearms and explosive to any suspected terrorist."

Republican Texas Senator John Cornyn's proposal would allow delays in sales to terror suspects if the attorney general could prove to a judge within three business days of the attempted sale that there was probable cause to suspect the buyer had ties to terrorism.

Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy's proposal would expand background checks for anyone trying to purchase a firearm online or at a gun show.

Finally, Republican Iowa Senator Charles Grassley's proposal would increase funding to the agency that runs background checks.

All four of these proposals were voted down, according to the Washington Post.

Now in the wake of yet another tragedy, people all over the country are calling on our government to do something, anything, to change the direction America is headed.

Mass shootings are becoming the norm, and they shouldn't be.

Doing nothing is only going to lead to the deaths of more innocent Americans.

It's time the United States tries something different.

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Don't fill the swamp with Moore

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Roy Moore's victory in the Republican primary runoff shows that the right-wing populism that propelled President Donald J. Trump into the White House is still adding fuel to the fire. Moore, the former Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, defeated Luther Strange, the incumbent conservative senator who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Jeff Session's confirmation as United States Attorney General. Backed by the far-right Breitbart website, Moore's victory has been hailed as a further "drainage of the swamp."

While Moore does not belong to the "swamp" of establishment Washington insiders, he belongs to a far worse "swamp," filled with bigotry and hate.

Moore first rose to national prominence in 2003, when he refused a federal judge's order to remove a monument from the state judicial building. This followed with the Alabama Court of the Judiciary removing him from office for refusing to obey the federal court order. However, Moore would be elected again as Chief Justice of Alabama in 2013, but soon would be suspended following his comments urging state probate judges

to ignore federal court orders to issue same-sex marriage licenses.

Beyond his blatant disregard for the law, Moore has shown complete hatred toward the LGBT community. "Homosexual conduct is, and has been, considered abhorrent, a violation of the laws of nature and of nature's God upon which this nation and our laws are predicated," wrote Moore in a 2002 domestic court case in which he ruled that being "homosexual" would make one unfit to be a parent.

"False religions like Islam, who teach that you must worship this way, are completely opposite with what our First Amendment stands for," said Moore in a response to a women's question about Shariah law, according to a report by the Huffington Post. Ironically, though Moore makes the argument that Islam teaches one to worship in a certain way, Moore's brand of Christianity that dictates God's supremacy over the U.S. is also contradictory of the First Amendment.

What is even more abhorrent is that Senate Republicans were concerned about Moore defeating his democratic opponent, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, and then criticized Moore for his bigotry. John Bresnahan, a writer for Politico, asked numerous

Republican Senators of what they thought of Roy Moore. Of the 11 Republican Senators, eight of them claimed that they had never heard of Moore or were not familiar with him. Only one Senator, Jeff Flake of Arizona, denounced Moore.

"I'm obviously not enamored by his politics because that's not the future of the Republican Party, that's for sure," Flake said to Politico.

It is important to note that Roy Moore is not a conservative. Instead, he represents the reactionary elements that have hijacked the Republican Party. If Senator Strange had won the primary, the race between him and Jones would have been a cordial affair between two respectable men who differed on the types of policies that best helped the American people. On the other hand, an election between Moore and Jones is symbolic of the far right views that are being entwined into the mainstream.

Moore stands for bigotry, hate and distaste for the law. He even allowed the League of South, an organization that stands for an independent Southern republic, to speak at the headquarters of a foundation he was once running, according to a report by CNN. It would not be a stretch to argue that Moore is sympathetic toward the Confederacy.

When one compares Moore to Jones, there is a direct contrast. During his time as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, he prosecuted the last two Ku Klux Klan perpetrators of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, which was an act of white supremacist terrorism that killed four young African-American girls. One might disagree with Jones on policy matters, but on a personal level, one cannot help but admire the man.

If Moore is elected, another rabble-rouser will join the ranks of the Senate. For Massachusetts, Moore's track record of calling for a full repeal of the Affordable Care Act means the state again will be in danger of potentially losing federal funding. Ideals, such as equal rights for all, that Mass. prides itself on will face another opponent.

On Dec. 12, 2017, voters in Alabama will send a message. If they vote for Moore, the message is clear. A vote for Moore is an endorsement of hateful views that are the opposite of what the true principles of Conservatism stand for, and what most Americans stand for. As an institution the Senate is prestigious, and a Senator Moore would be a disgrace to it.

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Restrepo opens eyes league wide



Courtesy of Suffolk Athletics

Sophomore forward Christian Restrepo

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Hailing from Revere, Massachusetts, boasting a team-high of 11 points overall, Christian Restrepo has become a valuable player to the Suffolk University men's soccer team. In a season where the team has strove to overcome huge milestones, such as beating Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the first time since 1984, Restrepo shines as both a reliable player and a great teammate.

Restrepo has been playing soccer his whole life, mostly on the competitive level, and when it came time to choose a university, he was recruited to play for Suffolk as an incoming freshman. This is Restrepo's second year playing for Suffolk, and he said he has really used this year to come out of his shell and improve as a player. This evolution for himself has affected both him and his team to achieve a deeper level of competition.

The Rams currently hold an overall record of 4-5 and are 1-4 in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Restrepo has started seven of eight overall games and has scored a total of five goals this season, one being a game-winning hat trick against Emerson College.

"We are still a young team, but we are definitely a step ahead

from where we were last year," said Restrepo.

Restrepo has proven himself to be a valuable player on the offensive side. Restrepo plays both the forward and midfield positions, but prefers midfield as he is able to play both offense and defense. As a forward in soccer, the player's main focus is to score a goal or help another teammate score. This only makes up half of a midfielder's role, as they are also responsible for defending against the opposing team's attempt for a goal.

Restrepo also recently won the GNAC Player of the Week Award, as well as National Player of the Week for the United Soccer Coaches Organization on the same week. The GNAC chooses one player in the conference a week to honor, while the United Soccer Coaches Organization also recognizes a player a week for their accomplishments on the field, however they include multiple levels of play as well as on the national level. Restrepo said he was shocked at his back-to-back awards and was unsure how he obtained it.

Restrepo, like many of the students attending Suffolk, is a commuter student. Along with thinking about the work he has to do for a full-schedule of classes as a sports marketing major, Restrepo also has to prepare for a full week of practices, and for him that means having to think about what is needed

for both academics and soccer when gearing up for the everyday.

"It's tough because I have to bring both school stuff and soccer stuff, it's worth it though," said Restrepo.

The balance of soccer and classes has definitely worked out for Restrepo, as he has been able to be both successful on the field, with his many awards for himself, as well as, being supportive for his team to be the best teammate he could be.

"I love [Restrepo], he's a great listener and teammate. He does whatever he has to do to help the team win," said Captain Jarrett Davis in an interview with The Journal.

Restrepo's dedication to soccer, as well as sports as a whole, goes beyond just playing for Suffolk, he hopes to continue with his sports marketing major once out of Suffolk by either seizing the opportunity to play soccer if it is presented.

"I challenged him to win 'Player of the Year' earlier in the season and he's looking well on his way to coming into that promise. In the future if he keeps this up, who knows what will happen; only good things," said Davis.

Restrepo and the Rams will take on the Anna Maria Amcats this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Lady Rams net success

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Serving a three-match-win streak, Suffolk University women's tennis team stands undefeated against opponent Lesley University and leads the all-time series against Albertus Magnus Academy. With four matches remaining, the Lady Rams hope to advance the number of wins for this season.

The Lady Rams lost a tough 5-4 match against Regis College on Sept. 27, which motivated the team to bounce back and motivated them to dominate in multiple matches over Lesley. The Lady Rams took the court and obtained an 8-1 victory over the Lynx on Sept. 28, which ignited a win streak for the team. The Rams had another dominating triumph over Albertus Magnus on Saturday, with a final score of 7-2, and then beat Lesley for the second time this season, 7-2.

Leading the charge for the Lady Rams in the first bout against Lesley was the duo of Jacquelyn Nakamura and Danlyn Medou who defeated these opponents in the second doubles to the tune of an 8-6 set. This win helped even out the score and set the tone of what was a smooth day moving forward for the Rams. While there were many impressive singles performances, junior Delaney Dunlap's

performance from the one spot stood out as she fought hard all the way into a third set where she defeated Lesley's Caroline Kiddie, 11-9.

As for the matchup that took place against Albertus Magnus, it was an all-around commanding effort from the Lady Rams in the doubles section, as the team swept all three matches early in the day. Senior Nakamura put a bow on the win later in the day and came out of her singles bouts victorious in straight sets (6-2,6-1).

In their latest victory versus familiar foe Lesley on Monday, the Lady Rams were able to extend their win streak to three. A convincing victory in what was the team's second meeting with the Lynx. Danlyn Medou and Ahilya Malhourta led the match off with a doubles victories. While it was close to later in the competition, the Lady Rams pulled away in singles play. As the lineup won four out of the five head-to-head in singles play, the team was able to put the finishing touches on their fifth win of the year.

Now 5-4 on the season, the Lady Rams look to build off of a strong week, since notching their first win in Greater Northeast Atlantic Conference (GNAC) play against Mount Ida College.

"I've been proud of how hard the [team] competes and give it their all every time they step on the court for their

matches," said Interim Head Coach Matt Tiberii in an interview with The Suffolk Journal. "They are improving with every match."

This is Tiberii's first year with Suffolk and as the head coach for the Lady Rams, however, he does not lack coaching experience. Having coached tennis for more than 20 years, Tiberii's transition to Suffolk has been a smooth one with the support of the Lady Rams and the trust that they, in turn, ensue in him.

"Coach [Tiberii] is awesome. I remember hearing the two most important characteristics of a head coach are organization and motivation, and that's coach for you," said junior Emily Bean in a recent interview with The Journal.

Isabel Rathlev, a multi-year veteran of the team, said she looks to give the team a sense of leadership on, and off, the court. She plays a pivotal role for the ladies in her final season, playing first doubles as well as a mix of second and third singles. Like many of the players on the team, tennis has always been a big part of her life. She has played the sport since she was nearly three and a half years old. Growing up with two parents that played tennis, she said it allowed for tennis to really be a big part of her.

In the recent match versus Lesley, she was able to turn what was a rough start to the day with a doubles loss featuring junior Elena Cisneros Garcia, to back-to-back singles victories from the three spot, winning 6-4 in both sets.

"It was a total grind but I hunkered down and got the 'W,'" said Rathlev in an interview with The Journal.

The Lady Rams look to build on what has been an impressive stretch, going 5-1 since the first win of the year against Wentworth. The Lady Ram's will travel to take on Salve Regina University Thursday at 3:30, with the hopes of extending their win streak to four in a row.



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"I've been proud of how hard the [team] competes."

- Interim Head Coach Matt Tiberii

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Captain's Corner: Nagri and Martin lead charge for remainder of senior season

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The Lady Rams' soccer team, led by senior captains Alex Nagri and Jen Martin, are halfway through the season and plan to finish stronger than the previous chase for the title. In 2016, the Lady Rams made it to the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) tournament semifinals before falling to Albertus Magnus Academy in heart-breaking fashion: losing in double overtime to end the season.

The Lady Rams immediately struggled out of the gate by losing half of the games the team competed in. The team averaged 1.6 goals per game, while giving up an average of 2.4 goals per game. However, the team will have seven games remaining, meaning there is still much to be said for this season. One potential season-changing game occurred on Sept. 27, when the Lady Rams finally defeated Lasell College for the first time in the program's history, topping the tough opponent 2-0 in stunning fashion.

Second-year captain and finance and accounting double major, Nagri, grabbed the GNAC Corvias Player of the Week on Monday after notching a three-goal game against Norwich University. Monday's game ramped up her season total of goals to five on the year.

Captain and marketing and management double major, Martin, has found the back of the net on four occasions this season and has also assisted on four goals.

Nagri discussed how big the victory over Lasell was by noting that it was the Lady Rams' goal to beat this team since her freshman year.

"They have been the most dominant team in our league for six or seven years so it was definitely a big deal when we came out on top," said Nagri. "To finally do it as a senior was unbelievable."

Head Coach Darren Lloyd chose the two senior Lady Rams as captains for this season as both players have been active members on the roster for four years. Now the captains will take on the role of leading the team by example, on and off the field, with a championship in mind.

"Playing with [Martin] and [Nagri] since freshman year and watching them develop and grow into the players and teammates they are today has been a great experience," said senior midfielder Erika Nelson in an interview with The Journal. "I couldn't ask for two better people to

lead this team."

Martin also regarded the recent victory over Lasell. Martin said, much like her co-captain, that going into her first year as a player it was the Lady Rams' main goal to defeat the rival.

"We never [beat Lasell] until this season, my last season, and I couldn't be any more proud of my teammates. It was a big moment for the whole team, but especially [for] us seniors," said Martin in a recent interview with The Journal.

Martin said this win displayed a lot about the players and how they can compete with anyone.

"We needed this win to confirm to ourselves and the whole team that we are very skilled," said Martin. "We just need to work hard and stay focused to keep winning."

Junior defenseman Melissa Adamo has been playing alongside the current captains for three years. With a love for the game, she chose to work hard and play with her fellow teammates.

"I think the captains treat everyone with respect," said Adamo in an interview with The Journal. "Returners and freshman are all held to the same standards. We all have high standards in

believing that we all love the game."

Nagri, not only a captain, but someone who is seen to lead by example as said by Adamo, has not lost faith in the team. Nagri explained that the Lady Rams had a rocky start to the season due to injuries and a low morale. Despite the odds, she said the Lasell game proved to everyone that the record does not show the Lady Rams potential.

"I definitely think we can feed off the huge Lasell victory and be a force to be reckoned with in the league this year," said Nagri.

Martin, much like Nagri, explained how this win displayed a lot about themselves as players and how they are able to compete with anyone.

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Martin explained the largest aspect going forward this season will be to stay consistent when knocked down or far ahead of the competition.

"Over the years, we have been known to give up if another team scores a goal, or we start to not play as hard if we are

ahead during a game," explained Martin. "Our team needs to learn that playing hard for 90 minutes straight and never giving up is what makes a team win."

Nagri continued to explain how she still has large expectations for this team.

"My goal this season is to make a run for the GNAC championship. We shocked some people last year and we did it again just this week, so we definitely have talent to do it," said Nagri. "If we stay focused and play every game like it is our last, we can definitely make a competitive run for the championship."

Nagri explained how since the Lady Rams finally beat Lasell, the team has had a target on its back. She continued by saying that since the team obtained this "target," they now must battle until the final whistle, regardless of the opponent's record and standing.

Both captains have strong faith in this team doing big things for the Lady Rams' soccer program.

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