Walter Johnson Named Massachusetts Professor of the Year

When Walter H. Johnson, Ph.D., Chairman of the Physics Department at Suffolk University, learned of his selection as the 2005 Massachusetts Professor of the Year, he was more excited for his school than for himself.

“I’m surprised that I was chosen, but I’m not surprised that Suffolk was chosen,” said Johnson, who received his prestigious award from The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). “Suffolk has so many good teachers that several people here could have won this honor. I’m just pleased to receive this award as a representative of the College of Arts and Sciences and Suffolk University, which prides itself in teaching.”

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was founded in 1905 by Andrew Carnegie “to do all things necessary to encourage, uphold and dignify the profession of teaching.” The Foundation was chartered in 1906 by an act of Congress, and is the only advanced-study center for teachers in the world and the third oldest foundation in the nation.

CASE is the largest international association of educational institutions, with more than 3,200 colleges, universities, and independent elementary and secondary schools in nearly 50 countries, including the United States, Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom. In 1981, CASE established the Professors of the Year program, and The Carnegie Foundation became the co-sponsor a year later.

This year, there were winners in 40 states, Guam, and the District of Columbia. Johnson, who lives in Carlisle, was selected from among nearly 400 top professors in the United States, an impressive accomplishment for one of the most intelligent, dedicated and respected individuals to ever teach at Suffolk.

“Walter Johnson is a brilliant and spectacular professor,” stated Dean of the College of Arts and Science Kenneth S. Greenberg. “He is a model citizen, teacher and administrator who is very caring and enthusiastic when it comes to his students and our University.”

Johnson’s devotion to Suffolk can be traced back almost 35 years. He is one of the University’s most loyal members, completely willing to do whatever it takes to make this special institution a better place. From the time he taught his first class in 1971 until today, his passion to teach others is what gives him his most satisfaction, his greatest joy, his ultimate reward.

“What I’ve always enjoyed above everything else is interacting with the students,” said Johnson, in his easy-going manner. “I try to teach each student on an individual basis as much I can. I explain things using language that is appropriate for that student at that time. I encourage them to ask questions and for a dialogue to begin. Once that happens, I’ve got them.”

Born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Johnson grew up in various places in the southern part of the country. He graduated from Camden High School in Camden, Arkansas, in 1961 as the valedictorian of his class. He still has fond memories of that stage in his life, particularly of Mr. Condrey, his high school mathematics and physics teacher.
A Message to Readers

Centennial Celebration Finds Home on the Web

Suffolk has begun building a Centennial Web site to keep members of the University’s extended family up to date on next year’s Centennial Celebration, the ongoing planning process and why the Centennial means so much to so many people.

A highlight of the site will be a computer-generated timeline of important dates for the University. George Comeau of University Media Services, working with the University Archive and Web Services, has collected 65 important photographs and close to 80 facts for this fascinating study of Suffolk’s history. A historical photo album also will be added over the next few months, according to University Archivist Beth Bower.

For a look at the Centennial Web site, click on the Suffolk Home page link, or go to: http://www.suffolk.edu/centennial.

While the Centennial Celebration officially begins next September, 2006 is only weeks away, so watch for a special, festive event that will help usher in this milestone year for the University.

Fond Memories

Joanne Ronayne, admires a bronze bust of her late husband, Dean Emeritus Michael R. Ronayne, Jr., which was unveiled Oct. 27 in the lobby of the Donahue Building. The bust was created by Audrey Goldstein, associate professor and program director of Fine Arts at the New England School of Arts and Design at Suffolk University. The unveiling followed a memorial service celebrating Dean Ronayne’s life. (Photo by John Gillooly)

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From the Archivist
Suffolk’s History Captured in Thousands of Photographs

Think about 100 years of photographs. How many would there be? What people, places, activities and events would be captured in black & white and color?

The University Archives’ staff, students and volunteers are sifting through thousands of photographs, glass-plate negatives and slides that capture Suffolk’s history from 1906 to the present. In the final phase of the project, the photographs will be categorized, described and added to a searchable database available to the Suffolk Community.

The first order of business is to protect them from harm. Workers place each photographic print and negative in an acid-free sleeve that shields it from dust and fingerprints. Next they are grouped by categories: academic life, buildings and places, events, people and university life. Some photographs have dates and information on who is in the picture or the event shown. Some have an attached press release or news story to help us to date them and identify the people. But the majority of the photographs have little identifying information.

Would you recognize photographs of each of our presidents? Deans? Buildings, old and new?

Suffolk is lucky to have such a rich photographic documentary record of its history. We have photographs from every decade, each school and college and most buildings. We have candid photographs of students, pictures of many commencements, cheerleaders, fraternities and sororities, faculty mug shots, alumni events and theater productions. The photographs tell the story of Suffolk and its relationship with its neighborhood, the city of Boston and the larger world. There are prints of demonstrations, international programs, moot court competitions and politicians from Calvin Coolidge to Shirley Chisholm to Ralph Nader. There are a wealth of photographs of athletic teams and games.

If you would like to volunteer to identify photographs in the Suffolk Archives, please contact Associate University Archivist Julia Collins at ext. 6293.

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Bringing Back Memories

The SUN has run a series of photos from the Suffolk University Archives over the past year and recently received feedback that will help the archivists as they work with historical photos.

When Dick McDowell, dean of the School of Management from 1974 to 1991, received some past issues of the SUN, he got in touch to share some information.

Of an Archives photo that ran in March 2005 he wrote: “The Right of Way Institute was a state-government-sponsored program hosted by the business school when I arrived in 1973. It ran for two or three more years and served to train state employees about right-of-way issues in the planning process. The instructors and participants had no other contact with Suffolk in most cases, but received a certificate for successfully participating in the program. The University served as a host and landlord for the Institute.”

McDowell said the program was offered through lifelong learning circa 1974 or ’75. For a closer look at the photo, go to http://www.suffolk.edu/SUN/aug05/centennial.html.

He described an Archives photo that ran in August 2005: http://www.suffolk.edu/SUN/aug05/centennial.html.

“This is an induction ceremony for Delta Mu Delta, the business school honorary. I suspect that those standing are the student officers. Seated are Roger Shawcross, Associate Professor of Finance, the speaker, and Dean Richard McDowell. The speaker looks like Coleman Mockler, but I don’t remember him speaking.

“Roger was adviser to Delta Mu Delta, the Sawyer School’s first honor society. He was very successful in getting the group started and keeping it moving ahead. From humble beginnings, it had a ballroom full of students and their families at the Marriott in Cambridge for a similar ceremony when I left in 1991.”

Professor Victoria Dodd of the Law School also got in touch to identify McDowell and Shawcross in the August 2005 photo.

A number of Suffolk folks were identified in the Deans’ Reception photo that ran in the September issue:

David Sargent
Joel Corman
Tom McMahon
Glen Lewandowski
Bill Homer
Dick Bray
Bob Hartmann
Bob Webb
Ken Garni
Ken Greenberg
Jim Peterson
Mary Fraser
Chris Perry
Dick Preiss
Annette Fulham
Mal Barach
Judith Holleman
Paul Ryan
Ray Parks
Betsy Williams
Mariann Mulcahy
Margaret Lloyd
Ed Bander
Bill Amidon
Harold Stone

For a closer look at the photo, go to http://www.suffolk.edu/SUN/sept05/happening.html. •
**Potpourri**

Information Systems & Operations Management (ISOM) employees Hasan Arslan and Ken Hung presented their research on new product development, "Motivations towards Part Commonality," at the 36th annual meeting of the Decision Science Institute in San Francisco in November. They also presented, along with Neil Hunt of ISOM, "Gone With the Wind," a business case study dealing with the operational decisions a Home Depot manager at a southwest Florida location would face during a hurricane season (time period 2004), at the North American Case Research Association annual conference in Falmouth on Oct. 27. ... Sandra Barriales-Bouche, Humanities and Modern Languages, presented “La voz autobiográfica de Federica Montseny en el exilio y en el post-exilio” (“The Autobiographical Voice of Federica Montseny in Exile and Post-Exile”) at the International Conference Ernestina de Champourcin. Mujer y exilio en el siglo XX (Ernestina de Champourcin. Women and Exile in the 20th Century). Held in Vitoria (Basque Country, Spain) on Oct. 26-27. ... John Berg, Government, has received a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant to visit Jeju National University in Korea to lecture on peace and human rights, March 3-16, 2006. He also spoke at the "The State of the Parties: 2004 and Beyond" conference, organized by the Ray Bliss Center for Applied Politics at the University of Akron in October. ... The Counseling Center was selected as a charter member of the Center for the Study of College Mental Health at Penn State University. The Center’s charge is “…to provide the university and college counseling field with the ability to accurately and routinely describe the state of counseling center affairs, on a national level, as measured by raw, standardized data pooled from counseling centers nationwide.” ... Michael Duggan, Enrollment Research & Planning, was appointed chair of the Institutional Research Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO). He conducted two half-day workshops on using IPEDS data for the Northeast Association for Institutional Research (NEAIR) in New York and for the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (NEACRAO) in Newport, R.I. ... Congratulations and best wishes to Vicki Ford of Biology, who married Charles L. Croce III on Sept. 11 at the Billerica Country Club. They honeymooned in Daytona Beach and Orlando, Fla. A special treat at their reception was a chocolate fountain, a wedding gift from Biology Chair Bea Snow and prepared by Pam West, the widow of Dr. Arthur West, biology professor emeritus. ... Jonathan Haughton, Economics and the Beacon Hill Institute, presented his research, “Tax and Benefit Incidence in Peru,” at a workshop in Lima at the headquarters of the Comunidad Andina. He was the research director of a project that also included comparable studies of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia. He also taught two modules, one on the measurement of poverty, the other on the incidence of government spending, at a workshop for employees of the African Development Bank, held in Hammamet, Tunisia. While in Tunisia, Haughton visited the ruins of Carthage and Matmata, where he saw sets that were used to portray the desert planet Tatooine in some of the Star Wars movies. ... Peter Jeffreys, English, was interviewed about Byzantine art for a documentary special, “Toronto’s Houses of Worship,” (WNED/PBS Buffalo, New York), the program was shown on WNED and Rogers Television, Canada in November. ... Charles Kindregan, Law School, was the lead presenter at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Family Law Inn of Court discussions on relocation following divorce and the impact of assisted reproduction on alternate families held in Westerly, R.I. on Nov. 1. ... William Mee, Information Systems and Operations Management, and the team that he manages, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Consumer Information System (MRCIS), received the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Citation for Outstanding Employee Performance. ... Quentin Miller, English, chaired the panel, “Kerouac in Context,” at the 2005 Jack Kerouac Conference on Beat Literature held in Lowell. ... Roberta Miller, Second Language Services, was elected to the 2006-2007 edition of Who’s Who in American Education and is included in Who’s Who of American Women 2006-2007. ... Suzyn Ornstein, Management, was appointed a senior research fellow with Suffolk’s Institute for Executive Education and Life-Long Learning. ... Sebastián Royo, Government and director of the Madrid campus, participated in the U.S. Department of State Seminar on Portugal in Washington D.C. on Oct. 2. He also presented “Varieties of Capitalism in Spain: Weekly Peace Walk

Suffolk University faculty, staff and students walk through campus to commemorate the victims of the violence in Iraq and Afghanistan and to promote peaceful resolution to conflicts in these two countries. Walks are held every Wednesday that classes are in session, and all members of the Suffolk community are invited to participate. The Peace Walk begins Wednesdays at noon in front of the Donahue Building. The Suffolk peace walk is coordinated with those at several other Boston-area colleges and universities through the Inter-University Coalition for a Humane Foreign Policy. [Photo by John Gillooly] Continued on page 15
32 Faculty Members Join University

The University welcomed 32 new members to its distinguished faculty for the 2005–2006 academic year. They are:

**College of Arts and Sciences**
- Angela Buffone, Lab Instructor, Chemistry Department
- Richard Chambers, Assistant Professor, Theatre Department
- Evgenia Cherkasova, Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department
- Rachael Cobb, Visiting Assistant Professor, Government Department
- Kenneth Cosgrove, Assistant Professor, Government Department
- Lisa Coyne, Assistant Professor, Psychology
- Rita Daly, Assistant Professor, New England School of Art and Design (NESADSU)
- Roberto Dominguez, Assistant Professor, Government Department
- Erika Gebo, Assistant Professor, Sociology Department
- Harold Gimenez, Lab Instructor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Micky Lee, Visiting Assistant Professor, Communication and Journalism
- Christina Neilson, Lab Instructor, Humanities and Modern Languages
- Timothy Poynton, Assistant Professor, Education and Human Services
- Christopher Rodriguez, Assistant Professor, History Department
- Serge Shikher, Assistant Professor, Economics Department
- Michael Siegel, Assistant Professor, Education and Human Services
- Yuliya Strizhakova, Assistant Professor, Communication and Journalism
- Sean Solley, Visiting Assistant Professor, New England School of Art and Design (NESADSU)
- Christine Westphal, Assistant Professor, Education and Human Services
- Denyce Wicht, Assistant Professor, Chemistry Department

**Law School**
- Leo Romero, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law
- Patrick Shin, Assistant Professor of Law

**School of Management**
- Diana M. Bawn, Assistant Director and Instructor, Accounting
- Anders Bengtsson, Assistant Professor, Marketing
- Dana A. Dalidin, Assistant Professor, Management
- Jack J. Holder Jr., Visiting Associate Professor, Management
- J. Denise John, Visiting Assistant Professor, Marketing
- Michael Kraten, Assistant Professor, Accounting
- Benjamin Ngugi, Assistant Professor, Information Systems and Operations Management
- Mary-Joan Pelletier, Assistant Director and Instructor, Accounting
- Karen Simonyan, Assistant Professor, Finance
- Alex C. Yen, Assistant Professor, Accounting

New Employees

* A warm welcome to our newest employees!

- Kurt Matthew Albrand, Sawyer Library
- Diana M. Bawn, Accounting
- Ranjan Budhartokhi, University Police
- Souheir B. Carty, USA-Senegal SSOM
- Joshua Cheney, Residence Life - Somerset
- Angely Leonardo Deliza, University Police
- Michael P. Dickinson, Ballotti Learning Center
- Norman Eng, CAS Dean’s Office
- Avith Ernest, University Police
- Matthew K. Eynon, Advancement
- Sarah Ann Frank, USA-Senegal SSOM
- Jacqueline M. Govoni, Economics
- Khagendra Gurung, University Police
- James M. Hawco, University Police
- Michael L. Kraten, Accounting
- Jessica Beth Lillie, Psychology
- Victoria R. Lothrop, Health Services
- Kevin J. Lundy, University Police
- Laura M. Marchant, Career Services/Coop Education
- Charlotte O. McAleer, Second Language Services
- Steven C. McIntosh, Theatre Arts
- Christina T. Mullin, Advancement
- Kathleen E. Peets, UMS
- Mary Joan Pelletier, Accounting
- Jill E. Pierce, Undergraduate Admission
- Mary Ellen Potter, Dean Of Students Office
- Merideth J. Power, Government
- Timothy A. Poynton, Education & Human Services
- Aileen L. Reeder, Law Dean’s Office
- Christine M. Rhoder, Law Dean's Office
- Alana T. Ryan, Advanced Legal Studies
- Isaac J. Stahl, Center for International Education
- Tova Lanita Upshaw, Financial Aid-Colleges
Faculty Publications


Sandra Barriales-Bouche, Humanities and Modern Languages, edited España: laberinto de exilios? (Spain: Labyrinth of Exiles?), a collection of essays on Spanish exiles throughout the centuries. (Juan de la Cuesta-Hispanic Monographs, 2005).


Lydia Martin, NESADSU, had two paintings, Umbrella Pine and Umbrella Pines, in the “American Artists Abroad” national juried exhibition at Bennington Center for the Arts in Vermont.


Martin’s Work on Display

“Colors on Sand … Images of Senegal,” an exhibit of photographs and paintings by Kenneth Martin of Communication and Journalism and NESADSU and his wife, watercolorist Verjik Abramian-Martin, was shown at the Worcester African Cultural Center. Photos were shot and impressions made in Senegal, where Martin has taught several photojournalism classes at Suffolk’s Dakar Campus. To view some of the work visit: http://www.amstockphoto.com/senegal.htm. (Photos and watercolor paintings by Kenneth Martin and Verjik Abramian-Martin)
Suffolk In The News

The University’s Faculty and Administrators are quoted regularly in local and national media. The following offers a sampling of recent media mentions. To read complete articles, go to www.suffolk.edu and click on In the News.

**MetroWest Daily News**, November 8, 2005
Courtroom drama on the Web George Comeau, Media Services, comments on Webcasting for the SJC

**Boston Globe**, November 6, 2005
A recent Suffolk University poll gives Menino a 30-point lead heading into Election Day
Also appeared in:  
**MetroWest Daily News**, November 5, 2005  
**Boston Herald**, November 5, 2005

**Cape Cod Times**, November 6, 2005
Gloria Boone, Professor of Communication and Journalism, weighs in on the growing popularity of Internet blogs

**Boston Herald**, November 5, 2005
Lisa Thurau-Gray, Director of the Juvenile Justice Center, comments on gun licensing

**Cape Cod Times**, November 1, 2005
Victoria Dodd, Law School, weighs in on legislation from the bench

**Boston.com**, October 26, 2005
Renee Landers, Law School, weighs in on criticism of Harriet Miers

**CapeTimes** (South Africa), October 21, 2005
C. Gopinath, Marketing, discusses his research on ethical behavior

**Boston Globe**, October 20, 2005
Suffolk student Alex Pollack to receive the Grace Le Vine Theater Award and a $10,000 theater scholarship from the Princess Grace Foundation USA
Also appeared in:  
**PR Newswire**, September 28, 2005

**Boston Globe**, October 16, 2005
Susan Sered, a researcher at the Center for Women’s Health and Human Rights, comments on health care
Also appeared in the following publications:  
**Insurance News Net**, October 20, 2005  
**Kaiser Network**, October 19, 2005

**The Dallas Morning News**, October 9, 2005
David Yamada, Law School, weighs in on ethnic and racial diversity

**DailyPress.com**, October 5, 2005
Marc Greenbaum, Law School, comments on employment law

**Boston Herald**, October 4, 2005
Michael Avery, Law School, comments on the Supreme Court Justice nominee

**St. Petersburg Times**, October 4, 2005
Erika Gebo, Sociology, comments on sibling homicides

**Asbury Park Press**, NJ, October 3, 2005
David Yamada, Law School, talks about workplace bullying
Also appeared in the following publications:  
**News-Leader.com, MO**, October 3, 2005  
**DesMoinesRegister.com**, September 26, 2005

**Boston Globe**, September 25, 2005
Richard Torrisi, dean of graduate programs at Suffolk Business School, comments on tuition assistance programs

**Waterford News & Star**, September 23, 2005
William J. O’Neill, dean of the Sawyer School of Management, is quoted at Higher Education Conference held at Kilkenny Castle, Ireland

**Georgetown Record**, September 22, 2005
A new partnership between Georgetown public schools and Suffolk University’s Sawyer School of Management will give Georgetown High School students unique opportunity

**Waterford News & Star**, September 16, 2005
William J. O’Neill, dean of the Sawyer School of Management, speaks at Kilkenny conference

**The Patriot Ledger**, September 14, 2005
Suffolk University student Jill O’Bryan urges legislators to pass Melanie’s Bill

**Boston.com**, September 8, 2005
Michael Avery, Law School, is quoted in Boston Globe article on gay marriage

**ABCNews.com**, September 4, 2005
Angela Buffone, a visiting professor of organic chemistry, meets weekly with Pino Maffeo of Maffeo’s culinary experiment

**RollingStones.com**, August 22, 2005
Jon Marko, Communication and Journalism and English, gives Rolling Stones a Rockin’ Review

**Washington Post**, August 20, 2005
Joseph Franco, Law School, comments on Redskins owner Daniel Snyder’s bid to gain control of Six Flags, Inc.

**Boston Globe**, August 14, 2005
Marc Greenbaum, Law School, is quoted in “Boston Works”

**The Californian**, August 10, 2005
Vice President Marguerite J. Dennis, is quoted on Suffolk University’s agreeing to admit those who have a 2.5 GPA from Hartnell College in Salinas, CA •
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**Unsung Heroes Behind 73 Tremont Street Move**

The revolving door entering Suffolk’s newest home, 73 Tremont Street, is getting plenty of use as employees from various departments continue to move into the stately 13-story building. And other departments across campus have moved—sometimes multiple times—to fill offices left empty by 73 Tremont’s new tenants.

“There are many people who have stepped up and performed exceptionally well to make this all happen,” said Assistant Director of Facilities Planning Paul Delaney.

These “unsung heroes” have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that their Suffolk colleagues make their transitions without missing a beat.

As they arrive at new offices across campus, employees have had immediate access to phones and fax machines, thanks to the timely and efficient transition provided by Voice Communications Manager Jane Scherban and her staff. “It’s all about decision-making and having enough lead time,” said Scherban. “People have been very cooperative, and the more times we do this, the better we get.”

Scherban said much of her work centered on transferring employees from the old Centrex phone system to the new NEC system, which offers more communications features. “Only people from the Business School had NEC before, so we had to change systems for everyone else,” said Scherban, who praises Voice Communications Coordinator Andrea Bishop—“the computer whiz”—for ensuring that every phone was connected to the right person’s office.

Network Services also worked hard to give employees full access to their computers and printers as soon as they arrived in their new offices. Fuad Yatim, director of Network Services and Desktop Support Group, and his staff began working on this project three months before the first Suffolk employees began moving into 73 Tremont Street in September 2004.

Yatim, along with network specialists Bill Mahoney, Reynold McGuire and Anupam Singh, designed, configured and installed the network, while the dynamic duo of Dan Gomes and Andy Wark installed the computers and connected them to the network. “We needed the coordination and input from everyone to make this a good experience,” said Yatim. “Communication and coordination was key; that’s why this move has been so successful.”

Mail also has been delivered uninterrupt-ed, due to Suffolk’s Mail Services Manager Anthony Voto and his staff of six other employees and about 60 work-study students. “Over the past four or five years, we’ve become more technically advanced,” said Voto. “That’s why this has been a pretty smooth transition. From day one, we’ve been able to offer our same services and follow our regular schedule.”

Some moves have been in stages. The Office of Undergraduate Admission and the Office of Enrollment & Retention Management moved from 20 Beacon Street to the third floor of 73 Tremont in September 2004. They packed up and moved again, to the fifth and seventh floors, a year later. Come spring, the two offices will move again, to the sixth floor.

Associate Director of Admission Jim Schulze, after learning about the third move, offered his colleagues some worthwhile advice. “I told them don’t worry if the pictures on their office walls are straight or not because they’ll be taking them down soon,” laughed Schulze.

Then he added: “Making these moves is a small sacrifice we have to make for a better reward. We’re all part of a plan to make this University bigger and better.”

**Sawyer Library to Remain Open Through Transition to New Home**

The new Sawyer Library is on target to open at 73 Tremont St. on May 15, 2006, with a seamless transition from the old space to the new.

“The library will maintain its standard hours and services during the transition from 8 Ashburton to 73 Tremont,” said Bob Dugan, director of the Sawyer Library.

Watch for a detailed report on the new library in a future issue of the SUN.

**Global Harmony**

The Music Students’ Chamber Choir from Aalborg University in Denmark delivered a rousing performance at the C. Walsh Theatre. The concert was arranged by Jay J. Rosellini, chair of Humanities and Modern Languages.
New Hoop Coach Has Local Ties

Adam Nelson feels on top of the world, like he just hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to win the big game.

“I’m thrilled to get this opportunity and I can’t wait to get started,” exclaimed Nelson, 31, the new assistant athletic director and head men’s basketball coach at Suffolk University. “I’m a local Boston guy and this is where I want to be.”

Nelson, who succeeds Dennis McHugh, who coached the Rams for 10 seasons, comes to Suffolk as a full time mentor with five years' experience as a head men's basketball coach, at Newbury College and Becker colleges. He also was an assistant coach at Northeastern University, the College of the Holy Cross and Curry College.

“Adam’s previous stops throughout the coaching profession have prepared him well for the challenges ahead,” said Suffolk’s Director of Athletics Jim Nelson, (no relation). “His credentials as an energetic, highly motivated professional augers well for those student athletes who will come under his tutelage in the years to come.”

Tech Talk: Wanna go Phishing?

To keep our readers informed about current technology issues, the SUN will feature a regular Tech Talk column from Bill Mahoney, director of security and IT architecture for Management Information Services.

A number of e-mail users here at Suffolk have reported that e-mails from what are perceived as legitimate sources have been filling up their inboxes. E-mails asking for personal information are not safe to reply to, follow links from or forward to other users. In most cases a simple phone call to the company represented in the e-mail can thwart these bad efforts. But, on the other hand, we are all busy and sometimes can scan an e-mail quickly while attending to other tasks and miss the fact that it could be dangerous. The best defense is information. So, what is Phishing, you ask?

Phishing is a term used to describe the action of assuming the identity of a legitimate organization or Web site, using e-mail or Web pages, with a view to convincing consumers to share their user names, passwords and personal financial information for the purpose of using it to commit fraud.

On the Internet, phishing, also called carding or brand spoofing, is a scam where the perpetrator sends out legitimate-looking e-mails appearing to come from some of the Web's biggest sites, including eBay, PayPal, MSN, Yahoo, BestBuy and America Online, in an effort to phish out personal and financial information from the hapless user. Phishers use any number of different social engineering and e-mail spoofing ploys to trick their victims.

Recently, a number of e-mail users here at Suffolk have received emails from UCU and CUNA. (University Credit Union) and (Credit Union National Association). It’s important to know that no financial institution will ever send you an e-mail asking you to enter such information.

There a number of links both inside the university and outside to help our users:

http://www.suffolk.edu/nsg — features a list of updated virus threats and other helpful information.
http://www.millersmiles.co.uk/identitytheft/gonephishing.htm
http://www.scu.edu/sts/communityofscholars/TingPaper.cfm

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“I didn’t even know his first name; I always called him Mr. Condrey,” said Johnson with a chuckle. “He was the best teacher I ever had, and he was a huge influence on me.”

Ignited by his mentor’s wisdom and encouragement, Johnson followed a higher education path that began at Rice University in Houston, Texas (B.A. in Physics in 1965) and ended at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts (MS in Physics in 1967 and Ph.D. in Physics in 1972).

Since arriving at Suffolk, Johnson has seen the University blossom from a three-building campus into a global institution. In more than three decades, he has also witnessed first-hand a dramatic change in the diversity of the student body. “Years ago, you’d be surprised to hear students talking Russian in the elevator,” he points out. “It’s not like that now. We have students, as well as faculty, from all around the world.”

Johnson has developed a reputation as an innovative soul, always willing to try new technology—for more advanced ways to teach his students. For example, in order to provide greater detail in his introductory calculus-based physics class, where a student’s background in physics ranges from zero to one or two years in high school, Johnson breaks each topic into small parts through streaming-video mini-lectures and places them on the web. Each mini-lecture is only 10-15 minutes long. This is in addition to the usual in-class lectures.

Expects Johnson, “The students can see and hear me talking in the upper left corner of the screen, while the remainder of the screen is a white board where they see the equations being written just as if they were in class.”

At the Suffolk University-owned marine biological research center on Cobscook Bay in Maine, approximately 350 miles from its Boston campus, Johnson formed an interdisciplinary team of students to build a 14-foot diameter geodesic dome with a heat exchanger inside to produce hot water for the kitchen. “This year we are using radio frequency ‘motes’ (tiny smart sensors) to measure the temperature inside the dome and inside the solar tank to control the pump which circulates the water,” he says.

To properly teach math and science to students at Suffolk’s Dakar, Senegal, campus, via distance education, Johnson, as chairman of the CAS Educational Technology Committee, arranged for Suffolk to purchase and send to Dakar electronic writing tablets. This unique teaching method allows a student to write equations and diagrams using an electronic pen, save their image files and then post them into the “Digital Drop Box” of BlackBoard (web-based course software).

“I too have an electronic tablet, so when I see the homework in my digital mailbox, I grade it and write corrections with equations on their original papers, just as I would for my on-campus classes,” said Johnson. “Then I post it to their mailbox and they can see immediately how they did.”

Beatrice Snow, Chair of the Biology Department at Suffolk, has always been impressed with Johnson’s teaching style. “He adapts every piece of technology and applies it to his classroom,” said Snow, who is in her 41st year at the University. “He makes learning exciting and the students love him. He is the consummate teacher.”

On November 17, Johnson was honored as Massachusetts Professor of the Year at an awards luncheon at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C., followed by an evening Congressional Reception at the Library of Congress, a celebratory occasion he attended with his wife of 28 years, Lea, Director of the Bouve Institute for Healthcare Leadership and Professional Development at Northeastern University. The Johnsons, who have two children (Erin, 23, a grad student at Villanova University, and Adam, 16, a sophomore at Concord-Carlisle High School), enjoy family barbecues, golf and attending holiday concerts when away from the academic environment.

Coming to work early, leaving late, showing up on Sundays to work on research projects with his students, Walter Johnson considers himself a lucky man. There is nothing he has ever wanted to do other than teach, impacting the lives of others in his own precise and charismatic style.

“I can’t imagine doing anything else,” smiled Professor Walter Johnson. “It always seemed embarrassing to get paid for something I would do for nothing.”
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Business and the Politics of Coordination,” at the 101st annual meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Washington D.C. in September. … Michael Rustad, Law School, spoke at a Conflicts of Law seminar at American University Law School on Sept. 15 and a faculty workshop at Penn State/Dickinson Law School on Sept. 16. He also made presentations at Santa Clara Law School and Michigan State Law School during the fall semester. … Ann McGonigle Santos, Law School, was named chair of the Steering Committee for the New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers. … Congratulations and best wishes to Douglas R. Seidler, NESADSU, who married Patricia Cerqueira on July 16 in St. Pete Beach, Fla. They spent a month in Brazil, Patricia’s native country, visiting Salvador, Morro de Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. … Kathleen Elliott Vinson, Law School, has been invited to present a program, “Taking Our Expertise into the Trenches: Consulting on Writing in Law Practice,” at the 2006 Biennial National Legal Writing Institute Conference to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in June. … Camille Weiss, Humanities and Modern Languages, presented a paper, “Freedom of Folly: Court Jesters and their Writings at the Court of Henri IV,” at the Sixteenth Century Conference in Atlanta, Ga., on Oct. 23. … The Third Annual New Faculty Lunch, organized by Warren Briggs, Information Systems and Operations Management; SSOM Associate Dean Richard Torrisi; and Chris Perry, Financial Aid, was a rousing success, with 26 new faculty members in attendance. … Second Language Services reminds faculty for whom English is a second language that tutoring is available in a private setting to help with English communication, including pronunciation, syntax, vocabulary, idiomatic usage, writing and understanding of spoken English. For more information, contact Janet Oliver at joliver@suffolk.edu, Bonnie Besdin at bbesdin@suffolk.edu or call Ext. 8677. … On Sept. 7, more than 200 Chinese, American and international delegates met in Chongqing to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in China. During the opening ceremony, the mayor of Chongqing and the Consul General both acknowledged Suffolk University’s accomplishments over the years to the Stilwell Museum and the Stilwell School of International Studies, named in honor of General Joseph Stilwell, the commander in charge of American and Chinese military forces during WWII. …

IN MEMORIAM

James G. Woods, retired director of Career Services •

Residence Hall Named for Nathan Miller

Nathan R. Miller stands before the residence hall at 10 Somerset St., recently named in his honor. Miller, who has built a reputation as one of Boston’s most successful commercial property investors and managers, has donated $2 million to Suffolk University, the largest outright gift in the University’s history. His gift is endowing the City of Boston Scholars Program. (John Gillooly photo) •

Electrical Engineering Receives ABET Accreditation

The Electrical Engineering program in the College has been granted accreditation by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

“ABET accreditation, viewed internationally as an assurance of program quality, is granted to select programs after a process of rigorous review. It signifies to employers, graduate schools, and licensing boards that our Electrical Engineering students receive a state-of-the-art education from a high-quality program,” said CAS Dean Kenneth S. Greenberg. •

$20,000 in Grants for Juvenile Justice Center

The Juvenile Justice Center received two grants totaling $20,000 from the John A. Alden Trust and the John H. and H. Naomi Tomfohrde Foundation to fund its Measuring Up Advocacy Project, an initiative that provides free legal representation and workshops on school expulsion and delinquency matters for at-risk youth and their parents who are living in Boston’s Bromley Heath Housing Development. •
**Garni Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award**

Professor Kenneth F. Garni, Director of the University’s Counseling Center, has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors in recognition of his leadership in the organization as well as his numerous contributions to the field of campus psychology.

“It was a very pleasant surprise to be recognized by the organization that has been my primary professional home for more than thirty years, as well as by colleagues who have been integral to my career since I started at Suffolk,” said Garni. “It was especially poignant in that the other person recognized was my first mentor as a director and has become a long-standing friend and trusted colleague.” The other honoree at the Association’s annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., was Dr. Doug Lamb, director emeritus of the counseling center at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.

Garni played a key role as the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors evolved over a period of more than 25 years. He has served as president of the Association, co-hosted two of its national conferences and has served as a mentor to many of its members. He also has served as chair of the board of accreditation and president of the International Association of Counseling Services.

His regard for high standards, support for fellow counseling center directors and self-effacing modesty were cited by the many colleagues from across the nation who supported his nomination for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Garni joined Suffolk University in 1969 as an assistant professor of Psychological Services and became the director of the Suffolk University Counseling Center and chair/professor of the Department of Psychological Services in 1973.

“I am gratified to be recognized for the things I have accomplished over the years, but I am very aware that the acknowledgement should be shared with many, including my family, colleagues in the Counseling Center, and with the administration of the University, which always has been very supportive of our efforts to provide quality counseling services to members of the Suffolk community,” said Garni.

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**Suffolk Signs Joint Admission Agreement with California College**

Suffolk University and Hartnell College, a community college in Salinas, California, have signed a joint admission agreement that will guarantee enrollment to Hartnell students who meet the academic requirements for transferring to Suffolk University.

This agreement marks the first time the University has collaborated with a California institution and is the first East Coast partnership for Hartnell College.

Hartnell College, with an enrollment of nearly 10,000 students, is a comprehensive community college and one of California’s oldest educational institutions, serving the Salinas Valley in Monterey County.

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**Used Eyeglasses & Cell Phones Can Help Those in Need**

The Office of Technology Management has volunteered to serve as a collection site for used eyeglasses and wireless phones in a social service recycling effort.

Working with Verizon, the office will collect used wireless phones and equipment in any condition. The equipment will be refurbished or recycled, and funds raised will be used to support victims of domestic violence. An added benefit: The Verizon recycling program has kept more than 200 tons of electronics waste out of landfills.

The used eyeglasses will be collected in partnership with the International Lion’s Club “Recycle for Sight” program. The eyeglasses are delivered to needy people in developing countries, many of whom would never otherwise have access to corrective lenses.

Used cell phones and eyeglasses may be left in the drop box marked “Recycle for Others” outside the door of the Office of Technology Management, Sawyer 525. The collection will be ongoing.