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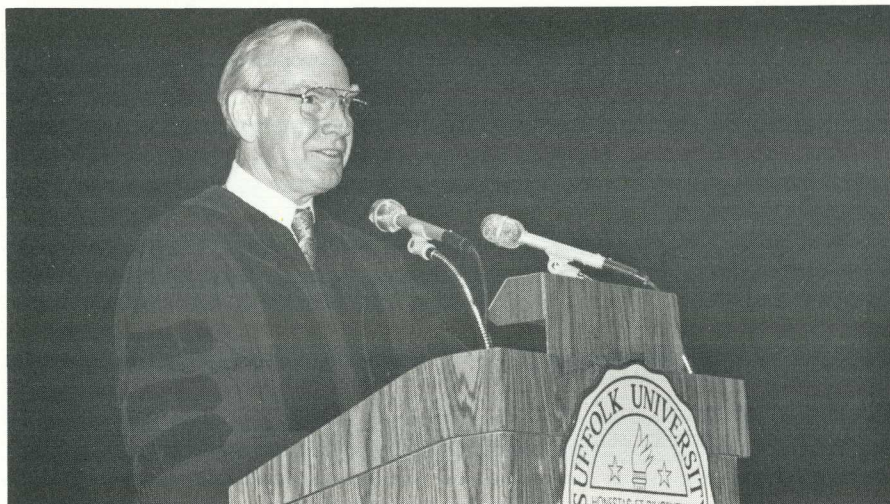
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**Speaker Wright**

## 1007 Degrees Awarded at Commencement

U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives James C. Wright Jr. (D)-Texas and former Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh shared the speakers platform Sunday morning June 5 at the commencement exercises of Suffolk University Law School at the Wang Center where some 460 graduates received their juris doctor degrees.

At the same theater that afternoon, Author James Carroll, whose best sellers include *Mortal Friends* and *Madonna Red*, addressed 547 graduates of Suffolk's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Management.

Suffolk University President Daniel H. Perlman, presiding at his eighth commencement, conferred the degrees. Wright and Thornburgh were awarded honorary doctors of law degrees as were State Sen. Patricia P. McGovern of Lawrence, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, a graduate of Suffolk Law School and its College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Atty. J. Newton Esdaile, senior partner in the Boston law

firm of Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile and Worcester District Court Judge Ernest S. Hayeck.

At the afternoon program, President Perlman conferred honorary doctors of humane letters degrees on James Carroll, Germaine Bree, past president of the Modern Language Association, Henry E. Hampton, chairman of the board of the Museum of Afro-American History and producer of the award-winning civil rights documentary, "Eyes on the Prize," and Thomas R. Walsh, chairman and chief executive officer of C. Walsh, Inc., movers.

In his address, Speaker Wright urged graduates to "accentuate the positive" and view the future of the United States with confidence. He cited the comeback of Chrysler Corporation and the Reagan-Gorbachev summit as accomplishments "to be optimistic about.

"America does not have to settle for just fair," Wright declared. "We haven't up to now. We can do better than that."

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## Suffolk to Stay on Beacon Hill

### Rejects Government Center Proposal

Suffolk University has decided to remain on Beacon Hill.

At its June meeting, the University's Board of Trustees voted to reaffirm its commitment to the development of the University's Beacon Hill campus and not to give further consideration to a possible move to Government Center.

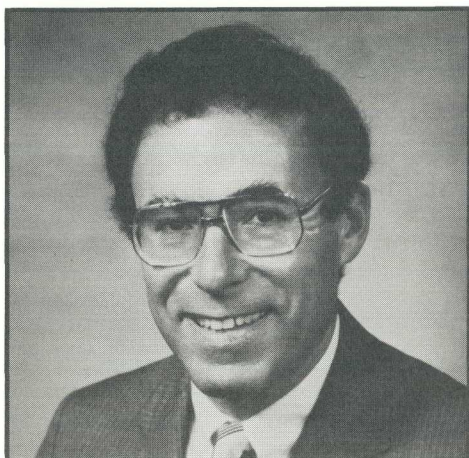
Last year, former Boston Planning Director Edward Logue and real estate developer John Ryan proposed that Suffolk exchange its six present buildings near the State House for the large, state-owned Hurley-Lindemann Building as part of the development of the "Parcel One" site between New Chardon and Staniford streets on the edge of the Government Center.

"After considering the proposal for many months and reviewing a study by campus planning consultant Richard P. Dober of how the Hurley-Lindemann Building could be renovated for Suffolk University if it were relinquished by the State, the Suffolk University Board voted not to pursue that option but rather to continue with the development plans for the present campus," President Perlman said.

Perlman said those plans call for the rehabilitation of a building at 28 Derne St., construction of a University center at 148 Cambridge Street between Hancock Street and Ridgeway Lane and renovation of the University's Archer and Donahue Buildings on Temple Street.

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## President's Corner

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## A Look at Suffolk's Fund Raising

This month's article is about fund raising. Suffolk University's last multi-year fund raising campaign was approved by the Board of Trustees in 1979 and concluded in 1982. The goal, which seems quite modest by present standards, was \$2.75 million. By the end of the campaign \$3.5 million was raised for capital improvements, including the Sawyer Building and the Pallott Library.

Since that time, the University has been steadily increasing its fund raising capacity. Last year, the Development Office received over \$2 million in gifts and pledges. Some of these gifts were designated by their donors for scholarships or other specific purposes, some of the gifts were made to help the University meet the terms of the \$100,000 challenge grant from the Boston Foundation for the Ballotti Learning Center — a challenge we

have now successfully met — the balance were annual gifts.

The University's needs and opportunities have continued to grow as well over this period. To help prepare for the next major fund raising effort, the Board recently commissioned a "feasibility study" to assess the fund raising climate and potential for Suffolk University and advise the trustees on the appropriate goal. The study was conducted by the firm American City Bureau (ACB) which has had 75 years of experience in fund raising.

ACB was selected after interviews were held with the representatives of several firms which do this kind of work. A "Feasibility Study Committee" was established including trustees, alumni and community leaders to review and approve a "case statement" for Suffolk University in which the University's needs are outlined, and to identify the people of greatest influence and affluence among the University's constituents and friends who were then interviewed for the study.

In all, 73 people were interviewed during May and early June. The interviews were conducted on a confidential basis by either the president or vice-president of ACB or by the study director. Those interviewed represent a cross section of alumni, professional, business, financial and philanthropic leadership in the Greater Boston area as well as selected people in Rhode Island, New York and Florida who have a particular interest in Suffolk University.

The report on Suffolk University's fund raising potential prepared by ACB is based on these 73 interviews and on their experienced judgment. The report was recently presented to the Feasibility Study Committee by the president of ACB.

The report concludes that: "1) Suffolk University is held in very high esteem by its alumni, who express both loyalty and pride in the portion of Suffolk University with which they are familiar. 2) The University is highly regarded by those who know its programs and its alumni, particularly those who employ its alumni. 3) The University is perceived as a valuable economical and educational asset to the area. . . 4) Many credit Suffolk University with giving them the education, training and opportunity to achieve success in their own lives and careers."

"Over 90 percent [of those interviewed] expressed a willingness to make a personal gift or influence a corporate gift to a Suffolk University capital campaign. . . the high rank of Suffolk University as a giving priority among the majority of those interviewed positioned the University well for a capital campaign."

This is all very good news and a tribute to the excellent job being done by the faculty and staff.

The authors of the report conclude that if the right campaign leadership is secured, and appropriate public relations and advance planning undertaken, that Suffolk University can raise as much as \$23 million over the next five years in the form of \$5 million in annual giving, \$10 million in capital gifts and \$8 million in endowment through estate planning and bequests. To accomplish this objective will take a major commitment of effort from everyone, but it can, and should be done.

The report was endorsed by the Feasibility Study Committee and now goes to the full board for review at the next meeting. If the report is approved, the advance planning will get underway this fall.

It was clear from this survey, as it has been from similar surveys in the past, and a source of great satisfaction and pride, that the quality of instruction and supplementary support services received by students at Suffolk University is outstanding as perceived by those who have attended Suffolk and by those for whom they work.○

*Daniel H. Perlman*



## Suffolk Grads Find Their Niche on Beacon Hill

A high school dropout who becomes a Fulbright Scholar... a biology major with a 3.8 cumulative average who supported herself and her education as a ballet teacher and is now headed for medical school... a young man on his way to veterinary school who borrowed funds to do a cross-cultural study in Kenya on domestic and wild animals... a political refugee from Sri Lanka who followed up a distinguished newspaper career by obtaining his law degree... and the reigning Miss Massachusetts and Miss Black Massachusetts.

They made up part of the Suffolk University 1988 graduating class, a group Suffolk President Daniel H. Perlman lauded in remarks to honorary degree recipients, alumni and friends at a black tie dinner at the Copley Plaza.

In pre-commencement remarks, Perlman quoted Woodrow Wilson in noting, "I believe in education because it releases the possibility of every human being."

"Many of these students have overcome significant obstacles to complete their education," Perlman observed. "The intellectual demands of our curriculum are rigorous and require major effort. Their professional aspirations, joined with economic necessity, have led most of them to hold a job while attending Suffolk University. . . we provide our students with the experience of being in a community dedicated to intellectual and moral development, dedicated to releasing possibilities, to fulfilling potential."

He cited Susanne Gruber, who dropped out of high school, later finished by passing an examination, and left two local universities, which she found “impersonal and unresponsive.”

Gruber entered Suffolk as a freshman in 1983 and blossomed as a student, majoring in English and maintaining a 3.95 academic average coediting the student literary magazine, *Venture*. And to top off her college career, she recently became one of only 26 seniors nationwide to earn a Fulbright scholarship for study at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

The Suffolk president also told of Karen Bollinger, who had been to three other colleges before transferring to Suffolk University four years ago and "an environment more personal and hospitable."

Supporting herself in various capacities including ballet teacher, and sandwich shop manager, this biology major studied for a career in medicine. Last year, she took part in the Interfuture Program of Overseas Study and carried out a project in the rural villages of the Ivory Coast of West Africa.

This involved learning both French and local African languages. "This experience

Carolyn Lamar Jordan, assistant to President Perlman, has been appointed vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tenn.

In her new position, Jordan will be responsible for all academic divisions of the college, including the graduate program, library, learning resource center, faculty development, honors program, Title III, special services, Upward Bound and International Exchange programs, and will provide general academic leadership at the 118-year old institution.

"We are sorry to lose Dr. Jordan but very happy for her in her new position," said President Perlman. "She has served Suffolk University with distinction in a number of areas, notably in academic and student support services and in such undertakings as the University Boston Public School Collaborative and the Lowell Lecture Series.

"The position of assistant to the president and director of minority affairs was established in 1983 on the recommendation of

has reinforced her decision to enter medicine and following completion of medical school to return to Africa to work for improved health care," Perlman pointed out.

Then there was Keith Benson, another biology major and Interfuture participant.

"As a junior, he raised and borrowed the funds necessary to undertake a cross-cultural study in Kenya and the United States of attitudes toward domestic and wild animals," Perlman disclosed. "He spent part of his time in Nairobi and

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## Jordan Named Veep at LeMoyne-Owen College

a blue-ribbon task force on affirmative action at Suffolk University. Over the past five years, recruitment of minority students has increased, an active minority student support group was formed, the minority peer liaison program was established, the Maria Stewart Scholarship program for minority students was established, relations with Roxbury Community College and the transfer of its students to Suffolk University has been improved and increased and a committee in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has studied the issue of increasing cultural diversity in the curriculum.

"In addition, the sensitivity of members of the Suffolk University community to the concerns of minority students and faculty has been heightened. While there are additional items that remain on the University's affirmative action agenda, the work of Dr. Carolyn Jordan and others has been very beneficial to the development of Suffolk University.

Jordan has served at Suffolk University since the fall of 1983 when she was appointed assistant to the president and director of minority affairs. She came to Suffolk from Salem State College where she was an associate professor of psychology and music and a member of that school's faculty since 1971.○



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### Road Race July 28 — and Maybe a Ticket for Sox Game!

The Manufacturers Hanover Corporate Challenge 3.5 mile road race will be held on Thursday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m., starting on Charles Street between the Boston Common and the Public Garden. Suffolk employees have competed in this team effort for the past several years with every level of runner participating.

If you are an avid runner or just a casual jogger and wish to participate in this event, contact Dan McDonald in the Personnel Office no later than Wednesday, July 20. The entry fee will be paid by the University for those who complete an entry form by the deadline date. Race information and entry forms can be obtained in the Personnel Office.

This year, the names of five entrants will be drawn. Each person selected will win a ticket to the Suffolk University Fourth Annual Alumni Night to be held on Friday, August 19, Fenway Park. The tickets include a buffet at the Pitcher's Mound Restaurant and box seats for the Red Sox-Oakland game.

Even if you don't plan to run, you may still participate by coming out to cheer the Suffolk runners on to victory!○

### New Employees

**Alisa Berman** of Brookline, administrative secretary, Dean's Office, School of Management.

**Beatrix Cheng** of Boston, office secretary, School of Management Administration.

**Marsha Ginn** of Needham, director, Graduate Admissions.

**Priscilla Graham** of Dorchester, office secretary, School of Management, Associate Dean.

**Alison Heller** of Norwood, office secretary, Law School.

**Pamela Horgan** of Haverhill, office secretary, Institutional Advancement.

### Question Box



**Q. Only one training seminar has been sponsored by the Personnel Office since the beginning of 1988. When can support staff members expect more?**

A. Grace Elson, Suffolk's training coordinator, has been working on getting University staff more involved in the training programs Personnel sponsors. She has done this by setting up a training committee and also inviting groups of support staff members to discuss training concerns and ideas periodically.

These activities have provided many suggestions for developing a program schedule which Grace hopes to issue before the fall '88 semester begins. If you have not attended one of the support staff group meetings, but would like to, contact Grace at x8415.

**Q. Why did I get an "automatic increase" effective July 4?**

A. Suffolk University always pays its employees at or above the salary range minimum. "Automatic increases" happen at the beginning of our fiscal year (July 1), when salary ranges for positions are upgraded based on salary survey information the Personnel Office has compiled. In an attempt to remain competitive with other employers, Suffolk participates in several of these surveys throughout the year and upgrades the ranges annually so that our midpoints are roughly equivalent

to the market value for other jobs comparable to those at the University.

When the range midpoint advances, the range minimum and maximum do also (because the minimum is always 85% of the midpoint and the maximum is always 115%). If your salary falls below the new minimum, you will get an "automatic increase" to the new minimum on July 4th of this year.

Any automatic increase you receive will not affect your annual performance evaluation date; it simply brings your salary to the new range minimum.

**Q. Periodically I hear that my tuition free course benefits may be taxed. Is this so?**

A. Presently tuition free course benefits for employees and dependents in undergraduate classes are *not* subject to taxation. Since July, 1985 tuition free course benefits for dependents in graduate courses have been subject to taxation. The value of the tuition free course benefit is included on the W-2.

The current controversy revolves around the taxation of graduate tuition free course benefits *for employees*. Through December 31, 1987 the first \$5,250 of graduate course tuition benefits was not taxed. However, Section 127 of the Internal Revenue Code, which exempted those benefits from taxation, expired on December 31, 1987. There is presently a bill in Congress which would restore Section 127 and thus allow employee graduate tuition benefits up to \$5,250 to continue untaxed. It is difficult to know how the situation will be resolved. Section 127 may be extended retroactively to January 1988, meaning that graduate tuition benefits up to \$5,250 remain untaxed; or Section 127 may be restored at a point in time, meaning that graduate tuition benefits between January, 1988 and the time of restoration will be taxed; or Section 127 may not be extended at all, meaning that all graduate tuition benefits will be taxed from January 1988.

We will keep you up-to-date as we get more information. In the meantime, if you are enrolled in several graduate courses, you may want to consider increasing the amount withheld in taxes from your payroll check to cover a potential future tax liability.○

**Norma Lutz** of West Roxbury, office secretary, Law Placement.

**Sharon Maitland** of North Billerica, academic computing assistant, Math Department.

**Marilyn Morehouse** of Dorchester, office secretary, Law Faculty.

**Sarah Phalon** of Newton, office secretary, School of Management.

**Kerri Salesman** of Winchester, office secretary, Law Faculty.

**Linda Watlack** of Boston, computer coordinator, Law School.○





## University Dedicates its C. Walsh Theatre

The University dedicated its newly renovated C. Walsh Theatre April 20 in ceremonies honoring the theater's benefactor, Suffolk Trustee Thomas R. Walsh, president of C. Walsh, Inc. Movers.

President Daniel H. Perlman hailed Walsh's "magnanimous and outstandingly generous gift," noting that it "has enabled us to fully refurbish and transform this hall from a shabby auditorium into a functioning center for theater and for intellectual growth."



Thomas R. Walsh and John Scully (left to right)

Several hundred guests heard Perlman describe the refurbished structure as "the vital heart of our University, our Agora. It is intensively used for theater... and also for continuing legal education and estate planning seminars, for film, for our Lowell Lecture series and other public talks and for many University programs."

The theater underwent a \$400,000 interior renovation in 1987. It is named for Walsh's late father, Cecil Walsh, while the theater's foyer is named in memory of the younger Walsh's mother, Anne Walsh.

In addition to Perlman, other speakers included Suffolk Trustee John C. Scully, who was master of ceremonies, Judge Lawrence L. Cameron of South Boston District Court, also a Suffolk trustee, Mr. Walsh, and his two sons, William F. Walsh and Thomas R. Walsh Jr.

Following the dedication, the Suffolk Student Theatre presented Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood," directed by Marilyn Plotkins, director of theater at Suffolk.○

## New Plant Operation Underway

ServiceMaster, Co., a contract maintenance company, has assumed responsibility for the operation of the University's Physical Plant following the retirement of Ivan Banks, veteran director, who retired June 30 after 26 years' service.

In making the announcement, Vice President/Treasurer Francis X. Flannery hailed the contributions of Banks, noting that "it is difficult to replace someone who has been with the University so long and who has seen it develop from just one building to a plant consisting of six buildings with over 370,000 square feet."

Added Flannery, "In most cases, when someone retires, we find a replacement to succeed him. In Ivan's case, however, we have had to hire a whole corporation."

The new plant director is Sadiq Kaliqi of ServiceMaster, Co., who has an engineering degree and has studied advanced engineering in Japan, Holland and at Howard University. Before joining ServiceMaster, he was chief engineer at the Alexandria Management Corp. in Alexandria, Va. He also was resident manager for the Englishtown School System in New Jersey.○

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other cities and the balance of his time with a group of the migratory Masai tribe.

"This year, in fulfillment of his dream to have a career in animal care and research, Keith Benson was given early acceptance into the Tufts University College of Veterinary Medicine," Perlman said.

Law student Kandasamy Sivapiragasam came from Sri Lanka, a place undergoing revolution and social upheaval. He was chief editor of the Express papers of Ceylon and vice president of the Press Association of Ceylon. Living in Somerville, he entered Suffolk Law School four years ago. He received his juris doctor degree with 460 other graduates.

Perlman also pointed out that the reigning Miss Massachusetts Aura Lee McCarthy received her law degree and the reigning Miss Black Massachusetts Andrea Spears, a sociology major, received her undergraduate degree.

"With each one of our graduates, there is a story of aspiration and achievement," Perlman told the assemblage of 250 guests.○

## Grantwatch

The following list represents a sample of application forms available in the Office of Grant Services. For further information regarding these funding opportunities and others, please contact Sharon Artis, Director of Grant Services, at ext. 8606.

| Funding Agency                                 | Program  | Due Date     |
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| National Science Foundation                    | Materials Development, Research & Informal Science Education | 8/1 & later  |
| American Philosophical Society                 | Research Grants  | 8/1 & later  |
| National Science Foundation                    | Young Scholars   | 8/8          |
| Council for International Exchange of Scholars | Fulbright Scholar  | 9/15 & later |
| Canadian Embassy                               | Canadian Studies   | 9/30 & later |
| Center for Disease Control                     | Public Health Conference Support Grant                       | 10/1         |
| National Science Foundation                    | Presidential Young Investigator Awards                       | 10/1         |
| National Science Foundation                    | Research Experience for Undergraduates                       | 10/10        |
| National Endowment for the Humanities          | Younger Scholars   | 11/1         |
| Office of Naval Research                       | Varied   | Varied       |

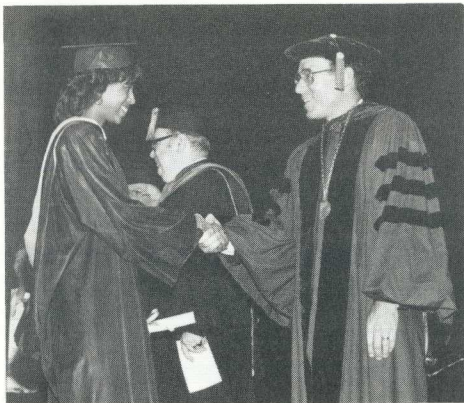
An excellent way to strengthen proposal writing skills is to become a reader for grant competitions. Call Grant Services if you are interested.○





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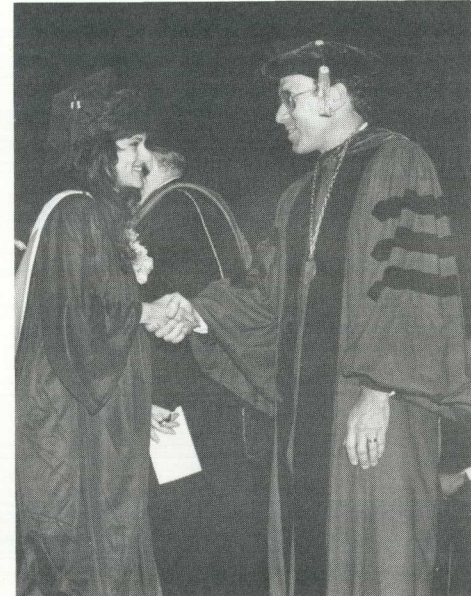
**ALL IN THE SUFFOLK FAMILY** — The 1988 commencement featured a number of Suffolk employees receiving degrees, among them Andrea Spears of Undergraduate Admissions, (B.A.), Catherine Holland of Law Admissions, (B.S.), Beth Nocera of Institutional Advancement, (MBA), Elizabeth Maul of the School of Management. (J.D.), and Christina Fong of the Education & Human Services Department, (B.S.).



Elizabeth Maul

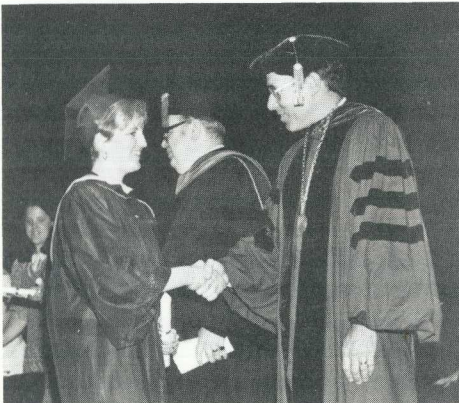


Christina Fong

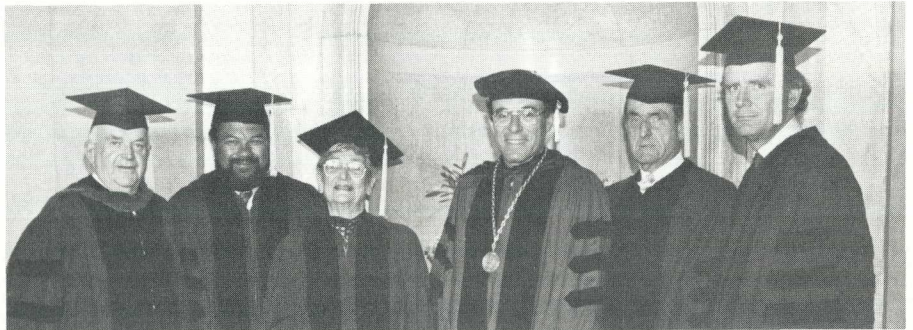


Susanne Gruber, Suffolk's Fulbright Scholar

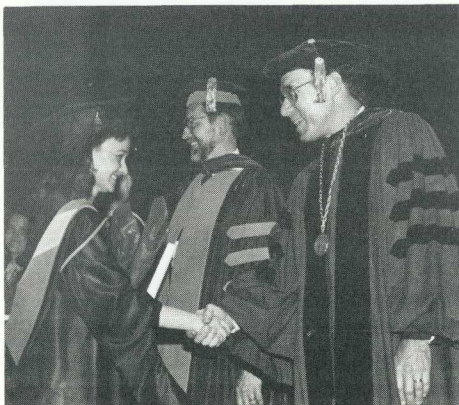
Andrea J. Spears



Catherine Meaney-Holland



**FOR SOM AND CLAS EXERCISES**, these were the honorary recipients, shown with Chairman Linnehan and President Perlman. From left, Henry E. Hampton of Museum of Afro-American History, Germaine Bree, past president of the Modern Language Association, Trustee Thomas R. Walsh, and Author James Carroll, commencement speaker.



Elizabeth Rezendes Nocera

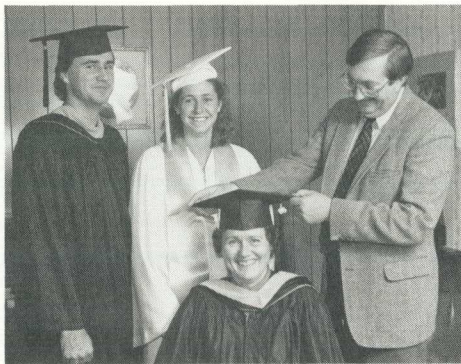


**HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS** for Law School shown with Trustee Board Chairman James F. Linnehan (far left) and President Perlman (third from right) are Sen. Patricia P. McGovern, Worcester District Court Judge Ernest S. Hayeck, U.S. House Speaker James C. Wright Jr., former Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh and Atty. J. Newton Esdaile.



# Potpourri

By Lou Connelly



The Ryans — John, Peggy, Barbara and Paul

For awhile, it looked like Business Manager **Paul Ryan** had a dilemma on his hands. Wife, **Barbara**, was slated to receive her master in counseling degree June 5 at Suffolk's commencement, but on the same afternoon, daughter, **Peggy**, was graduating from Burlington High School. Fortunately, Barbara solved the problem with a call to Burlington headmaster **Maynard Suffredini** asking if Peggy could be seated up in the front row of graduates instead of back with the Rs. Suffredini obliged and this saved time, allowing Barbara to scoot from the high school ceremonies to the Wang in time to receive her own degree along with son, **John**, who got his B.S. in biology on the same stage with Mom... and Paul was able to find a parking space to see it all... Athletic Director **Jim Nelson**, now a fixture as the national anthem singer at commencement, had to miss this year's exercises because son, **Jim**, was graduating from Arlington High School. But Suffolk Trustee **Vince Fulmer** filled in admirably, displaying great gusto at both exercises... Of the 17 new priests ordained recently by **Cardinal Bernard Law** in the Archdiocese, three have Suffolk University backgrounds. Father **Steve**

**Madden**, B.S. '79, was a crack work study sports statistician for the Athletic Department and Public Relations Office, Father **James M. DiPerri** received his B.S. degree in 1984, and the Rev. **Joseph M. Hennessey** of Braintree, attended Suffolk Law School for a couple years... We heard from 1964 alumnus **Jack London** recently. The much-traveled journalist has a new book published by Harper & Row entitled, *Greater Nowhere: A Journey through the Australian Bush*, which looks like a top notch travel/adventure effort for London and co-author, Dave Finkelstein. London is a one-time *Suffolk Journal* editor... Suffolk artist and professor **Ray Parks** served as a judge for the 9th Congressional District First Art Competition for high school students at the request of sponsor, **Congressman Joe Moakley**... For the 14th year, Public Management's **Don Levitan** served on the faculty of the New England Municipal Clerks Institute & Academy at Newport College-Salve Regina in Newport, R.I. His lectures dealt with Effective Budget Presentation... **Madhav Kacker** of Marketing published a paper, "International Flow of Retailing Know-how" in the *Journal of Retailing* at New York University in the Spring 1988 edition and he contributed a chapter, "The Role of Global Retailers in World Development" in the book *Transnational Retailing*, (Walter de Gruyter, Berlin, New York, 1988)... Athletic Director **Jim Nelson** has been elected to the Board of Corporators of East Cambridge Savings Bank... Slated to present two papers at the annual convention of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America in Kansas in August is the Law School's **Thomas F. Lambert Jr.** They're headlined, "Fire in the Ashes: Tort Decisions in 1988 that Made a Difference" and "Outflanking the Exclusivity Bar in Tort Actions Against Employers..." Theater Director **Marilyn Plotkins** will direct Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor" at the Public Theatre in Brighton July 6-31, Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. Adapted from the early stories of **Anton Chekhov**, "The Good Doctor" is a warm-hearted, spirited look at every day life in Russia during the turn of the century, seen through the eyes of **Neil Simon**... Sociology's **John Sullivan** and **John Holley** teamed up to publish an article, "Factors of Stress-Induced Pilot Workload" in *Air Line Pilot*, the journal of the Air Line Pilots Association... And **Robert E. Fox** of English presented a paper "(Re)Vision and Resistance in

Caribbean Women's Writing" at a press conference sponsored by the William Monroe Trotter Institute at the University of Massachusetts Harbor Campus... **Gail Coffler** of English delivered her paper, "Melville's Medicos: Doctors at Sea," at the American Culture Association's annual conference in New Orleans. She chaired the **Herman Melville** session, one of seven sessions on American literature of the sea... **Peter Storandt** of Law Admissions has been appointed to the Professional Schools Committee of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. He is also chairing the Graduate Recruitment Fairs Committee of the New England Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals... Congratulations to **Catherine E. Dinon** of Student Accounts. In addition to graduating with honors June 5, she was recently honored by the American Marketing Association with its **William C. Bliss** Memorial Award, given annually to the outstanding senior majoring in marketing. She received the award at a meeting at Bentley College... Our sympathies this month to trustee and ex-chairman **John S. Howe Jr.** on the recent loss of his brother, **James C. Howe**, a former official with the First National Bank of Boston... And also condolences to Law Librarian **Ed Bander** on the loss of his wife, **Frances**, a copy editor for *Time Magazine* and author of many children's stories... **Bander**, by the way, recently served on the faculty for the national law seminar for legal secretaries, assistants and paralegals sponsored in Boston by Law Seminars, Inc. of Denver, Colorado... Kudos to the following members of Suffolk's family for their parts in the 20-mile Walk for Hunger from Boston Common: **Beth Nocera** of Institutional Advancement, 20 miles and she raised \$329, **Judy Turner**, also of Institutional Advancement, 20 miles for \$210, and Campus Minister **Wendy Sanford**, five miles for \$752 raised... Some good stats from the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities recent study by the Social Welfare Research Institute at Boston College: Independent higher education makes an \$8.15 million direct and indirect contribution to the Massachusetts economy; creates a total of 195,000 jobs (118,400 on campus and 77,500 in other industries); and carries out \$1.26 billion in research for outside agencies... With

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**Joe Strain** acting as interim dean of enrollment management, History's **Dave Robbins** stepped in to be interim director of summer sessions, a post Strain has long held. . . . High tribute to Public Management's **Fran Burke**. Her researched work on **Mercy Otis Warren** of Massachusetts, an important personage in pre-constitutional and Bill of Rights discussions, has been submitted to the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College. Two presentations Burke made on Warren at the February symposium on Women and the Constitution, were also included in the submittals by Washington, D.C.'s **Sarah G. Epstein**. . . . His law school colleagues toasted Prof. **Charles Kindregan** on completion of seven years of outstanding service as director of Suffolk's Center for Continuing Professional Development. He'll be on sabbatical next year. . . . Associate Law School Dean **Malcolm Donahue** has been elected to the board of directors of the Nortek, Inc. in Providence. . . . Two significant appointments in higher education: **President Perlman** has been appointed to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Commission on New Initiatives. This commission is made up of some 18 independent colleges and experts in public affairs and government relations. And Dean **Richard L. McDowell** of SOM has been elected to a one-year term on the board of directors of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the professional association made up of deans and corporate leaders from across the nation. McDowell, who has been with Suffolk since 1973, previously served as chairman of the AACSB's governmental relations committee. . . . Congratulations to third-year law student **Susan O'Rourke**, winner of the Association of Trial Lawyers 18th annual environmental Essay Contest. Her essay in the **Roscoe B. Hogan** essay contest, "Contaminated Water Supplies, A Remedies Review: Federal, State, Common Law and Future Reform," was picked tops of entries from throughout the nation and with it, Susan won a \$3000 prize. . . . And finally, our best wishes for continued success to **Carolyn Jordan**, Suffolk's assistant to the president. She's accepted a post at LeMoyne-Owen College, and will bring a lot of energy, drive and talent to her new post. . . . See you in the fall and have a wonderful summer. . . .○

## DEGREES AWARDED

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Thornburgh, now director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, asked the graduates to consider in their careers, opportunities for volunteer activities, "one of the unique strengths of this nation."

"Some part of your quest for individual self-fulfillment — for financial security, professional distinction, for prominence in whatever field you choose — must be overlaid with an effort to enrich the lives of those about you."

He noted that this is "an exciting presidential year" and that some of the graduates in the audience might find careers in public service or be future governors, senators or presidents.

"But," he emphasized, "running for and holding high political office is not the only — nor necessarily the most important — constructive arena for citizens involvement. Indeed, more meaningful political and governmental activity often takes place on the local school committee or town meeting than in the rarefied atmosphere of your state or national capital."

In his address to graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Management, Author James Carroll recalled that Sunday was the 20th anniversary of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy.

"I am thinking, of course, of Robert Kennedy who embodied for us the ideas that one single person can effect the indifferent, callous structures of this world and that behind the endless news stories of war and hunger are the individual lives of real people just like us. He enabled many of us to believe in ourselves when we had nearly forgotten how.

"The man who shot Robert Kennedy fired eight bullets. Six people were hurt. Kennedy was conscious as he lay there amid the others who were wounded. His last words were, 'Is everybody safe?'"

"Is everybody safe? It is a question that history obliges me to lift up. Is everybody safe? Until we can answer yes — everybody's safe — everybody — that question will hover above you, too. In Robert Kennedy's case, everybody was safe. They all lived but him."○

## SUFFOLK TO STAY

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"Renovation, rehabilitation and replacement of facilities currently owned by Suffolk University will enhance Suffolk University's educational programs and improve the quality of student life for future generations of students here on Beacon Hill," Perlman pointed out. "We have a unique location in close proximity to the centers of government, business, law, medicine and finance. Our service to students will be greatly enhanced by the building program planned and approved by our trustees."

Rehabilitation of the 28 Derne St. Building into a student activities center began in June. Construction of a student activities center and bookstore on the site of the present Ridgeway Building will start in the summer of 1989. Renovation of parts of the Archer Building to provide additional space for Suffolk Law School will begin in 1991, immediately after occupancy of the new University center building.

The plans for the University Center Building on Cambridge Street were approved last fall by the University's Beacon Hill neighbors after extended discussions and negotiations. Suffolk University had been trying to get the approvals to replace the one-story concrete-block former supermarket building now on that site since acquiring it in 1967. Plans designed by local architect James McNeely and agreed to by the city and the community call for a four and one-half store red brick building resembling the 19th century structure located on that site until Cambridge Street was widened in the mid-1920's. The fire damaged building at 28 Derne Street to be rehabilitated by Suffolk University was constructed about 1806 as the home for a Mr. Hurd, a bookbinder. The University will retain and restore the original facade.

"Suffolk University has spent approximately \$20 million in upgrading its facilities over the past eight years," Perlman said. The University's plans for renovations and rehabilitation will cost approximately \$15 million.○

