Newspaper Reporters Association Establishes Scholarship at Suffolk

It’s been nearly 60 years since a small group of newspaper people headed by Mark McIntyre and Walter O’Leary established the Boston Newspapermen’s Benevolent Association to enhance the welfare of the profession and its members.

Over the years, the association membership numbered many legendary figures in Boston journalism history - guys like the Record’s Bob Court, John Bishop, Arthur Sullivan and Col. Dave Egan, the Globe’s Ed Costello and Joe Dinneen and the Herald’s Arthur Stratton. And it also included some of the notable women in Boston journalism - people like Jean Cole and Mary X. Sullivan and Kitty Donovan of the Hearst papers and Mary Tierney of the Traveler.

The passing years and changing times have taken a toll on the membership which once numbered some 200 dues paying journalists.

Recently surviving members got together for a meeting. At the gathering, the group, made up of Tom Berube, Jack Wharton, Ed Corsetti, Jim McPartland and Jack Cadigan of Record-American fame and former Globe columnist and now Boston Attorney Ron Wysocki, took a vote in accordance with the association’s bylaws and credo perpetuating itself as a benevolent association.

The association voted to establish a $40,000 scholarship fund at Suffolk University’s Communication and Journalism Department. Scholarship assistance will be awarded annually to a Suffolk University journalism student preferably planning to enter the print media, which the membership served for so many years.

"Over the years, the association has been able to help out a lot of its members in need, and we cannot think of a better way to perpetuate the memory of this association and its members than by establishing something so befitting to the fraternity and helpful to young people entering the profession," said Wysocki, who presented a check for the scholarship to President David J. Sargent.

A committee will be formed shortly to consider worthy candidates for the scholarship beginning with the 1992-93 academic year according to Communication and Journalism chair Ed Harris. 

Ronald Wysocki presents check to Pres. David Sargent. Also on hand were CLAS Dean Michael R. Ronayne and Communication & Journalism Chairman Ed Harris.

University Hosts Elderhostel Participants

Retired life insurance man Walter Sivek of Summit, New Jersey “couldn’t wait to be old enough” to participate in an Elderhostel program. He and his wife, Irene, were among the 25 people from across the country who participated in an Elderhostel program hosted by Suffolk University October 27 through November 2. For the past 10 years, Suffolk sponsored Elderhostel programs at its Cobscook Bay Field Station in Maine. This was the first program held on campus and was coordinated by Maureen Dooky, associate comptroller for the University.

One of the appeals of the Elderhostel program for the Siveks was the opportunity for educational travel as opposed to tourism travel. This particular Elderhostel interested them because it gave them the chance to spend the week in Boston.

This Elderhostel compares “favorably” to the eight others Jim and Rosemary Boyle of Carmichael, California have previously attended. “The faculty are very nice and very interested in you learning about their specialty,” expressed Jim Boyle, retired systems analyst.

An Elderhostel offers non-credit undergraduate courses and extracurricular activities for senior citizens. Elderhostel, Inc. was founded in 1975 in Durham, New Hampshire as an independent non-profit corporation serving older adults with summer educational programs. To
Kindregan Honored by Peers

Suffolk University Law School Associate Dean Charles P. Kindregan has been honored by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for his contributions in the area of family law.

Kindregan shares the 1991 Hon. Haskell C. Freedman Award with Harvard Law School Prof. Mary Ann Glendon. The eighth annual presentation was made at the academy's award dinner Friday, Nov. 15 at the Algonquin Club of Boston.

The award honors the memory of Freedman who was a judge of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court. It is given annually to an individual who contributes to the development of family law and exemplifies the purposes of the academy.

Dean Kindregan, a noted authority on family law, has authored six books on that subject and legal malpractice. His most recent, Family Law, co-authored with Atty. Monroe L. Inker, was published by West Publishing Co. a year ago as four volumes in the Massachusetts Practice series.

Kindregan has been a member of the Suffolk Law School faculty for 23 years and for six years served as director of Suffolk's Center for Professional Development. He lives on Beacon Hill with his wife, Patricia, and four children.

S.U. Offers Grad Co-op Program

Suffolk University now offers a Graduate (master of business administration, master of public administration, and master of science in finance) Cooperative Education Program. Through the Graduate Cooperative Education Program, Suffolk seeks to enrich both industry and education through an ongoing exchange of people and ideas.

Employers have the opportunity to hire graduate students on both a full-time and/or part-time basis. On a part-time basis, students can work from one semester to six semesters. Students may also be available for a full-time schedule during school holidays and the summer.

On a full-time basis, students usually work for a period of four months. Positions may be extended to meet both employer's and employee's needs. If there is a need for a year-round employee, an alternating team of graduate students is used.

Employer responsibilities include providing relevant work experience for the student employee, meeting with a representative of the Cooperative Education Office to evaluate placement, and providing the Cooperative Education Office with a written evaluation of the MBA student employee.

"More than 80 percent of our students work while attending school, many through one of our employment programs. Employers find student workers an excellent, motivated, skilled resource for special projects or seasonal employment needs when full-time, permanent employees may not be appropriate or cost-effective," explains Patricia Yates, associate director of Career Services and Cooperative Education.

- Erika McCarthy -

$128,000 Grant Awarded to Harris Fellowship Program

Suffolk University is the recipient of a $128,000 grant for its 1991-92 Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships for programs in masters-level training for women and minorities.

The grant was submitted by Eric E. Fortess, associate professor of health administration and program director for Suffolk's Harris Fellowships. Issued by the federal Department of Education, the grant doubles the 1990-91 award and is one of the largest individual grants received by the institution.

The Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships program is funded 100% by this federal grant and will support eight fellows.

Purpose of the grant is to increase the representation of traditionally underrepresented groups by providing graduate fellowship support for women and minorities in the public and non-profit sector.

Appeals Panel Sits in Moot Court

The Appeals Court held a session Friday, November 15 at Suffolk University Law School's Moot Court on the third floor of the Frank J. Donahue Bldg. On hand to greet the three sitting justices were (standing from left) Associate Dean Charles P. Kindregan, Jennifer Sobel of Newton Upper Falls, director of the moot trial program, Sharon Farrington of Boston, president of the Moot Court Board, and Law School Dean Paul R. Sugarman. Seated are (left to right), Justice Charlotte Anne Perretta, Chief Justice Joseph P. Warner, and Justice George Jacobs. The court heard arguments on six cases during its sitting.
Prof. Emeritus Hartmann Receives Top Welsh-American Award

Dr. Edward G. Hartmann, professor of history emeritus, is the 1991 winner of the National Welsh-American Heritage Medallion, the most prestigious award of its kind in the United States.

Dr. Hartmann, the foremost authority on the immigration of the Welsh people to this country and their contributions, received the award at the National Welsh-American Foundation’s annual dinner held at Harrison’s Pier 5 in Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday October 6.

Hartmann’s book, Americans from Wales, is the product of 15 years of research and is recognized as the definitive work on Welsh immigration to this country. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Penn. with a Welsh heritage that dates to some of the oldest families of the Irfon River Valley in Brecknockshire, Wales, the 79-year old Hartmann retired from Suffolk University in 1978 after teaching here for 32 years.

The fifth winner of the award, Hartmann joins an illustrious group. Past recipients are Gen. David C. Jones, former chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Howard Stringer, president of the CBS Broadcasting Group, John K. Evans, the late Welsh-American philanthropist and entrepreneur, and T. Elwyn Griffiths, former secretary of Wales International, a quarterly world-wide publication.

In addition to Americans from Wales, Hartmann has authored a number of works on immigration and takes particular pride in his last work, The Ethnic History of Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, completed in 1987 when he was 75 years old.

A graduate of Bucknell University in 1937 with a bachelor of arts degree, he received his master of arts in history degree there a year later and also earned a Ph.D. in history from Columbia University. From 1943 to 1946 he was combat historian for the 90th Infantry Division with General George Patton’s Third Army and he later served as a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Previous honors that have come to Hartmann include the Hopkins Medal, presented in 1970 by the St. David’s Society of the State of New York, a Welsh-American society founded in 1801, and the Morris Gold Medallion, presented to him by the Welsh Society of Philadelphia in 1966.

The National Welsh-American Foundation’s heritage award recognizes annually a Welsh-American for services and activities or whose prominence has brought credit on the Welsh-American community.

The award noted that Dr. Hartmann has devoted his life to the pursuit of excellence in his field and that his work continues today as he approaches his 80th year. He taught for 57 years.

Hartmann makes his home with a nephew, John German and wife, Mrs. German, in Dennisport and Estero, Fla.

A Job Well Done

Suffolk University Humanities Professor Raymond H. Parks received hearty congratulations from Vice President Francis X. Flannery for restoring the painting of Suffolk’s founder Gleason L. Archer. Parks, artist in residence at Suffolk, undertook the restoration work after steam from a radiator damaged the portrait done in 1931 by the original painter C. Thurber. Parks was recognized at a reception at the School.

Commencement Date Change

Facilities have become available to allow Suffolk University to reschedule the 1992 Commencement Exercises to an earlier date. The originally scheduled date of Sunday, June 14, has been changed to:

Sunday, May 31
Wang Center for the Performing Arts
270 Tremont St, Boston, Ma.
Law School - 10:00 am
CLAS/SOM - 2:30 pm.

President Sargent said, "While we regret the late notice of this change, we sincerely believe that the new date is significantly better for all graduating students and their families."
Newsmakers

JOHN F. BRENnan, Dean, SOM - Suffolk’s new business school leader received a royal welcome from both Suffolk business alumni and corporate leaders. President Sargent introduced Dean Brennan to SOM alums at a Park Plaza reception Nov. 21, and on Nov. 25, trustee Tom McDermott, chair of the SOM trustee committee, hosted a gathering for Brennan at the Federal Club attended by business execs in the Hub.

STEVEN PATTERSON, Chemistry - He’s been awarded a grant of $1000 as the winner of the Sears Teaching Award competition in the CLAS. Prof. Ken Greenberg chaired a special committee under the direction of Dean Michael Ronayne which selected Patterson of 10 faculty nominees for the honor. The Sears Roebuck Foundation has for the past two years awarded the college $2500 for faculty development use. Patterson was honored at a Munce Conference Rm. Reception, Dec. 3.

PETER BURN, Biology - He has been appointed to the Coastal Resources Advisory Board (C.R.A.B.) This board advises the governor and secretary of environmental affairs on implementation of the Coastal Zone Management Program.

SARoj SAuHNEY, Economics - She is the convention coordinator for the Third Annual Conference of the Congress of Political Economists, International. It will be held in Rio de Janeiro Jan. 6-12. She will present a joint paper, “Economic Democracy: Views From Around the World,” with collaborator T.S. Saini of Bloomsberg University, at the conference.

NANCY StOLL, Dean of Students - She served on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation team that visited New Hampshire College early in November.

STEVEN FERREY, Law School - Prof. Ferrey has published the 3rd edition of his treatise, The Law of Independent Power.

CAROL DINE, English - She has had two poems published in the Winter issue of Spoon River Quarterly. They are “The Papermaker” and “I Decided to Make Death Subtle.”

CELESTE KOSTOPULOS-COOPERMAN, Hum. & Mod. Languages - Her translation of the book, Circles of Madness/The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, was published by White Pine Press, New York. She also chaired a panel, Women Writers Under Dictatorships, at the Association of Women in Development Conference in Washington, D.C.

THOMAS FINN, Law School - He has been elected vice president of the National Association of Counsel for Children, an organization with some 1400 members.

MARY KAREN ROGERS, Law Placement - She served as conference coordinator for the ninth annual Northeast Law Placement Consortium Fall Recruiting Conference hosted by Suffolk in October.

GERALD PEARCY, Communication and Journalism. He was the guest lecturer in film at the Chicago Art Institute under a program supported by the MacArthur Foundation. He spoke on the 1950’s science-fiction classic, The Incredible Shrinking Man.

MARGUERITE J. DENNIS, Enrollment Management - She received a special award from Action for Boston Community Development for her work in creating higher education opportunities for disadvantaged students. Edrick S. Bain, chair of the Educational Head Start Committee of the ABCD Board of Directors, made the presentation at a luncheon.

DAVID G. TUERCK, Economics, DAVID ROBBINS, History, and ROBERT TOPITZER, Sociology. They participated in an education exchange at the Moscow Pedagogical State University in October. The three went abroad as part of a collaboration between Moscow Pedagogical, Suffolk, and Middlesex Community College. Earlier 10 faculty members from Russia visited Suffolk.

SHAHRiAR KHAKsARI, Finance - At the request of State Rep. Kevin Blanchette, chair of the Committee on Public Service, he took part in an informal informational hearing at the State House to advise committee members with additional information on retirement services regarding pension consultants, money managers, investment adviser and payment arrangements.

PATRiCK PENDERGAST, Institutional Advancement - He’s the new development researcher. He’ll support fundraising activities by identifying, researching and creating profiles on potential donors. He comes to us from Bradford College where he was research manager and he also has been a newspaper reporter. He is a graduate of Keene State College.

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Personnel

Reminder - 1992 Open Enrollment
Dental Plan, Health Plans & Flexible Reimbursement Account

Open enrollment is taking place through December 13. This is your once a year opportunity to enroll in, or change your membership in the dental and health plans. It is also the time to set up or discontinue a Flexible Reimbursement Account for Dependent Care or Medical Care. As you know, your contributions for these benefits are deducted from your paycheck before federal, state, or FICA taxes.

If you are not presently participating in the dental plan and wish to enroll, you may also do so now. If you are not presently participating in the Harvard Community Health Plan and wish to enroll, you may do so. If you are presently enrolled in the Harvard Community Health Plan or in the John Hancock Preferred Health Plan and you wish to switch enrollment between the two plans, you may do so now. If you wish to continue your enrollment as it is now, you do not need to do anything.

You must sign up annually for the Flexible Reimbursement Accounts. Your participation from last year will not be continued.

Spring Registration Underway

Registration for Spring 1992 is occurring now until December 17th. Please submit your registration form with the notation “Employee” to the Student Accounts Office and your tuition benefit form for yourself and/or your spouse/dependent to the Human Resources Office. If you receive an invoice during the semester, please contact that office immediately.

Enrollment forms for all plans are available in wall files located next to the Human Resources bulletin boards throughout the University as well as from the Human Resources Office. Completed forms must be returned to the Human Resources Office no later than December 13, 1991. Changes in plan membership are effective January 1, 1992.

Employee contributions for the health insurance plans are increasing by 5%. New contributions for full-time employees will be $42.00 per month for individual coverage and $84.00 per month for family coverage.

The Harvard Community Health Plan has announced some plan changes to take effect on January 1. The amount you pay when you visit an HCHP provider will increase from $3 to $5. Emergency room visits will cost $25. Participants will pay 20% of the cost of durable medical equipment up to $1000 per person per year.

Employees from the Rhode Island area may now join the Harvard Community Health Plan of New England and choose from four locations in Rhode Island and two in Massachusetts.

Holiday Schedule

President Sargent announced that the University will be closed during the winter holiday season: Monday, December 23 thru Friday, December 27, and; Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1.

Salary Increases

President Sargent announced that the Board of Trustees voted to grant the full salary increase budgeted for the 1991-1992 academic year. Those faculty members and administrative staff members who received salary increases on July 1, will receive the second half of the increase, retroactive to July 1. Support staff who received increases between July 1 and October 31 will also receive the second half of the increase retroactive to their increase date.

Retroactive payments for monthly paid people for the period between July 1 and October 31 will be calculated and paid in the December paycheck.

Smoking Policy

Effective January 1 the University Police Officers will be issuing written warnings to students or employees violating the University's smoking policy. In a memorandum sent from President Sargent in November, the President emphasized the health hazards of smoking and second hand smoke. Concern about compliance and the eventual ban on smoking to take effect July 1, 1992, led to the decision to issue warnings. Employees who receive three or more warnings will have a letter sent from the Human Resources Office to the employee's department head/chair, dean or vice president for further action and have a copy of the letter placed in their personnel file, according to President Sargent.

The President and members of the Smoking Policy and Education Committee are still hopeful that smokers will take it upon themselves to smoke in the appropriate areas. The next smoking cessation course conducted by the Health Services Department will begin on January 28. Call the Health Services Department at Extension 8260 for information.

This may be a good time to follow through on that New Year's resolution to "kick the habit!"
S.U. Host Elderhostel

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participate in an Elderhostel, an adult must be 60 years or older. The approximate cost for a week’s program is $300, which includes food and lodging.

At Suffolk, the Elderhostel participants attended a computer course taught by Ian Westmacott, systems administrator for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Andrea Ortisi, director of PC Resources for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The course included a tour of the Computer Museum. Laurie Umansky, a history instructor at Suffolk University, taught a course on historic Boston, which included tours of the Freedom Trail, Cambridge, and the South Cove/China-town Tour of Working Women’s History.

“Anyone who can’t walk or climb stairs couldn’t participate in this Elderhostel,” remarked Mrs. F.R. Conry of Athens, Ohio, about the more active group at this Elderhostel in comparison with the two other Elderhostels she has attended.

“All Elderhostels are quite different,” explained Wesley Parcells, retired from the C.I.A., a resident of McLean, Virginia who participated in this Elderhostel because of its “history approach.”

Carolyn Ruth of Hudson, Ohio made the trip to Boston by herself because a friend who was supposed to accompany her broke her leg. It was “a little scary,” Ruth confessed, “but I've made friends. Even with the bad weather it's been quite an experience!”

This Elderhostel produced a group long familiar with the program. It included 86-year old Frank Giorgi of Greenport, N.Y. who was making his 42nd Elderhostel. Walter and Irene Sivek were taking part in their 18th Elderhostel. For Kate Whitley of Walnut Creek, Ca. it was Elderhostel Number 13. Previous ones have included trips to Greece, Egypt and Alaska.  

- Erika McCarthy -

Grad Enrollment

Is Up for '91

Our story in the October SUN on enrollment inadvertently failed to include the graduate program. Marsha Ginn, director of graduate admissions, reports that contrary to national trends, Suffolk’s graduate enrollments increased by 37 students this fall.

"Because of the new curriculum and revised waiver policy which began this fall, an additional 22 MBA students chose to enter the program Summer Session II,” explained Ginn. "Therefore, in actuality, we enrolled 59 new graduate students for fall '91."

Total enrollment is set at 290 students compared with 253 a year ago.

Ginn attributed some of the increase to two new grad programs, the master of arts in communication in CLAS and the master of science in finance in SOM. She also noted that 30 percent of the full-time enrollees in the MBA program are international students.

Newsmakers

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SANDRA BARDWELL, Dean’s Office, SOM - New administrative assistant to Dean Brennan, she previously served as secretary to the dean of business at American International College, was senior administrative assistant to the president of Mt. Holyoke College and most recently was presidential assistant at the New England Conservatory.

LAURIE W. PANT, Accounting SOM - Her work, "Cultural and Socioeconomic Constraints on International Codes of Ethics: Lessons from Accounting," has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Business Ethics.

DONNA M. RUSECKAS, Athletics - She has been appointed assistant director of athletics. A 1982 graduate of Bridgewater State College, Ruseckas has been serving as a physical education elementary teacher in the Weymouth Public School. Her coaching experience includes head volleyball and softball coach at Weymouth North High School and assistant basketball coach at that school and Weymouth South High School. She also served as associate softball coach at UMass-Boston.

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1991 Annual Charitable Giving Campaign

A very special thank you to the many Suffolk employees who contributed to the 1991 Annual Giving Campaign. Contributions are trickling in, but the latest tally adds up to $22,443. Donations were directed towards United Way of Massachusetts Bay Community or Oxfam America.

Joan Luke of the Law School Deans’ Office won the drawing for the Suffolk University Captain’s chair donated by the University Bookstore. Mariann Mulcahy of the Chemistry Department won the drawing for the certificate good for a weekend at the Hotel Meridien. And Dawna Gyukeri of Public Relations won the drawing for the $100 gift certificate to the Bay Tower Room for being a team leader with 100% response from her team members. Congratulations to all!

If you forgot to contribute and wish to do so, send your pledge to the Human Resources Office.  

- Erika McCarthy -
Potpourri

by Lou Connelly

Biggest cheer at the recent Law Review banquet at the Hotel Meridian was not for guest speaker U.S. Atty. Wayne Budd, Dean Paul Sugarman or popular adviser Al Cellu, but for the announcement by Sugarman that Suffolk’s Moot Court had defeated the “school across the river that begins with H.” The hall rocked for a few minutes. The Suffolk team did it the hard way taking the Northeast regional though short-handed.

The Suffolk team of Lisa Sherman of North Harwich and Tracy McDevitt of Southport, Conn. bested the Harvard trio of Michael Bopp, Sean Berkowitz and Cameron Jones as both teams move on to the national finals in New York City Jan. 13. Suffolk was reduced to two team members when a third member withdrew at the last moment. But the two Suffolk women went on undaunted as Lisa Sherman, a third-year law student was adjudged best speaker. Suffolk had the best brief in the competition, which considered copyright law and the right to a jury trial in a civil case. Professors Steve Callahan and Tom Finn are the faculty advisers to the team. Suffolk has now gone to the finals four times in regional competition. They last won it in 1985 before the Friday, Nov 22 triumph...

Suffolk’s phonathon is off to another fine start with some $233,032 pledged to date as Gail Mansfield’s team shoots for its $325,000 goal. Incidentally, a new giving club, called “The Beacons,” has been formed for CLAS/SOM donors contributing between $500 and $900. The Cornerstone Club will now be for donors giving between $250 and $499...

Let’s hear it for Mary McDonough of Management Information Systems. The senior programmer/analyst received her MBA this month...

And department head Paul Ladd reminds us that Finance Prof. Ed Bubnys, a Fulbright scholar and visiting professor recently in Lithuania, donated a Toshiba 1200 portable personal computer to Vilnius University. University Rector Rolandas Pavilionis tells Ladd in correspondence that electronic hardware is in short supply there. “Hence, your gift is all the more meaningful to the 412-year old Vilnius University in this, the second year of legally reinstated independent statehood for Lithuania,” writes Pavilionis...

Double duty: Victoria Dodd of the Law faculty is serving on the Judicial Administration Section council of the Mass. Bar Association and on the board of trustees of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute...

Law Prof. Mike Rustad penned an editorial for Scripps-Howard newspapers that responded to Vice President Dan Quayle’s address to the American Bar Association regarding administration support of reform of punitive damages. An exhaustive study by Rustad on the matter showed no great increase in the number of punitive damage awards in product liability type cases...

Jan Cannon of the Center for Management Development was the keynote speaker at the Nov. 6 meeting of the Business Roundtable of Boston discussing programs between business and education...

Malcolm Donahue of our Law School is proud to report that his daughter, Cynthia D. Richards, is a first year student at Columbia University Law School. Cynthia is a 1985 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Harvard University, and is the 10th member of the Donahue family to study law beginning with the late Superior Court Judge and Suffolk U. Treasurer Frank J. Donahue, Suffolk Law Class of 1921. Cynthia is married to Andrew Richards, a manager in the venture capital field...

As ever, Suffolk’s C. Walsh Theatre will be playing a part in First Night, Tuesday, Dec. 31. Theatre General Manager Kim Whitener says there will be two afternoon performances by The Gizmo Guys, a comic juggling routine by Eiker and Jacobs, the Beau Jest Moving Theater will present “A Mall and Some Visitors” a holiday show combining music and satire for two evening showings and the Fontine Movement Theatre, original vignettes through body movement and language for two shows starting at 9:30 p.m...

Payroll Manager Ron Brunelle and wife Pam are anticipatng. It will be their first child and is due in April...

Condolences this month to SOM’s Charles J. Shelley on the passing of his mother, Isabel Shelley, in Texas and to Don Levitan on the death of his brother, Dick, a long-time Boston radio newsman...

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Rosemarie DiBiase of Psychology and Sandra Waddell of NASCAR Headstart have been awarded a grant from the National Association for Children and Families. They’ll study homeless children...

On the evening that the Senate approved the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, Channel 4 interviewed both Deans Charlie Kindregan and Russ Murphy for observations on the action...

During a recent visit to Suffolk University, members of a Russian delegation from the Humanities faculty at Moscow Pedagogical State University in Moscow, visited the Mass. State House. Sociology’s Robert Topitzer organized the program for the week. At the State House State Rep. Jim Brett served as host and presented the Russian group with a recognition certificate from the House of Representatives...

The Fall semester was highlighted by two on campus forums. The first, co-sponsored with the Boston Herald, took up the subject of court reform with Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Paul Liacos delivering the keynote address and Law School Dean Paul R. Sugarman moderating a panel of legal heavies...

The second featured a lively on stage discussion among the At-Large Candidates for the Boston City Council with WRKO talkmaster Jerry Williams moderating the program...

Two of our distinguished graduates were honored by Law School alumni at the annual law dinner Dec. 5 at the Park Plaza. Alumni trustee Richard Leon, J.D. ’74, a Washington, D.C. attorney, received the Outstanding Service Award and Marianne B. Bowler, J.D. ’76, a U.S. magistrate for the District of Massachusetts, received the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. The alumni also made a special presentation to Law School Dean Paul R. Sugarman in recognition of his appointment as a special master for an inquiry into the Boston Municipal Court. More than 400 alumni and friends attended the annual dinner...

Jim Nelson’s Suffolk basketball team raced off to its best start in years, winning its first four games, including a first ever victory in Waterville, Me. over strong Colby College...

Meanwhile, Suffolk hockey is off to a slower start but its co-captain Brian Gruning has recorded some amazing early season statistics including a five-goal game in a 6-5 victory over Worcester State.

Women’s basketball team, led by Joanna McGourty’s 27 points, avenged an earlier loss to Wentworth with a 62-44 victory...

The list of candidates who passed the July bar examination included the daughters of two Suffolk staffers, Maribeth Ladd, daughter of MIS boss Paul Ladd, and Paula Connelly, daughter of this writer. Both Paula and Maribeth received their JD’s in June. Maribeth’s success makes it two lawyers in the Ladd family. Daughter Jessica was graduated from Harvard Law a couple of years back...

Tony Eonas of SOM spent a number of evenings in chilly hockey rinks watching son George play for the Rams. Now he’s watching another son, Russ, play goalie on this year’s Suffolk sextet...

College Registrar Mary Heffron’s still savoring a nostalgic ??th Arlington High School reunion. Some 250 celebrants turned out for the event at Pier Four...

Also from the Registrar’s Office, new mom Karen Regan is due back to work this month. She and hubby, John, administrative assistant to State Rep. Tom Finneran, welcomed a daughter, Ferris Elizabeth, born in September...

And maternity news from Admissions Office. Lorraine Foster, data processing assistant, gave birth to a son, Devon Ricardo, and Mary Ann Landry, also a data processing assistant, welcomed son, Charles Paul. Both in October...

The SGA is sponsoring a campus campaign for food for the needy, asking that cans of food be donated at the Student Activities Center and Sawyer Cafeteria by Dec. 18. The food will go to the Arlington Street Church and Neighborhood Action...

Former Presidential Assistant Nat Caliendo is the new vice president for public affairs at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, NJ.... See you on the slopes at Loon Mountain...

Happy Holidays to all...