936 Degrees Awarded at Commencement

Gov. William F. Weld and U.S. House Speaker Thomas S. Foley delivered the commencement addresses at Suffolk University exercises Sunday May 31 at the Wang Center where some 936 degrees were awarded to graduates of Suffolk's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Management and Suffolk University Law School.

President David J. Sargent conferred juris doctor degrees on 466 graduates of Suffolk Law School and awarded 470 degrees to graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Management.

Sargent also awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree to Gov. Weld and a doctor of public administration degree to Speaker Foley. Weld spoke at the afternoon exercises for the Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Management. Foley addressed the Law School graduates at morning exercises.

In his address, Gov. Weld warned the graduates to consider the impact of what they do with their careers.

He noted that "we've created a din of special interests which often drown out an important principle: that the greater public good often transcends the aggregate of special interests.

"So I ask all of you when you undertake something in your personal or professional lives to think about the impact of what you do," he said... "If you benefit, that's fine; if you get rich off of it, more power to you. But from time to time, sit back and ask yourself, 'I know this is good for me. Is it also good for my community?"

Speaker Foley delivered a number of put down jokes about attorneys during his address to the law school graduates before observing on a serious note, "I suppose if there is one great challenge facing you today, it is to use the opportunity... to disprove this view of the legal profession. The benefits we offer society are unsung; the costs are loudly proclaimed."

Foley was a practicing lawyer before entering Congress in 1964 as a Democrat from the state of Washington.

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Twenty Staffers Receive Degrees


The Office of Human Resources sent all of these staffers a Suffolk corsage of yellow and blue to wear on their graduation robes.

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Other honorary degrees were awarded to Washington, D.C. Circuit Judge Patricia M. Wald, Atty. Harold Hestnes, senior partner in the firm of Hale & Dorr; Chief Justice Robert L. Steadman of the Massachusetts Superior Court; and U.S. District Court Judge for Massachusetts David S. Nelson, all doctors of laws degrees; Raymond Shamie, president of Shamie Management Corp. and Massachusetts civic and political leader, doctor of humane letters; Marva N. Collins, educator and founder of the Westside Preparatory School in Chicago, doctor of humane letters; and Nader F. Dareshori, chairman and chief executive officer of Houghton Mifflin Co., doctor of commercial science.

Among those receiving undergraduate degrees was an international student from Ireland, Bernadette Smyth, who received her bachelor of arts degree Summa Cum Laude. She worked a number of part-time jobs to finance her education and recently won a lottery back in Dublin which will give her a permanent visa to the United States.

The Law School awarded its first juris doctor degree to a student from the People's Republic of China. She's Yahong Li, an evening student, who is a software license coordinator at M.I.T.

A total of 266 degrees were awarded in the School of Management - 143 bachelor of science in business administration degrees, 105 master in business administration degrees, and 18 master in public administration degrees.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences conferred a total of 204 degrees - 65 bachelor of arts, 109 bachelor of science, 4 bachelor of science in general studies, 8 bachelor of science in Journalism, 9 master of education degrees, 7 master of science degree, 1 certificate of advanced graduate studies, and 1 bachelor of fine arts.

The graduating class of the School of Management and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences included 34 international students from such countries as Spain, Turkey, India, Japan, Czechoslovakia, China, Venezuela and Kenya. They included 15 MBA recipients and five honor graduates.

Paul J. Vaccaro of Newton, who received his master of business administration degree cum laude, delivered the student address at the afternoon exercises. He's the son of Marketing Prof. Joseph P. Vaccaro.

Class marshals representing the 25th anniversary classes were Justice Charlotte Anne Perretta of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, J.D. '67, and Robert P. Edson, B.S.B.A. '67, M.B.A. '72.

James F. Linnihan, J.D. '56, chairman of the Suffolk University Board of Trustees, delivered the call to commencement and introduced President Sargent to preside at the exercises.

No Smoking Reminder

President Sargent has issued a notice reminding members of the University community that the no smoking policy within university buildings is now in effect (started July 1). "As of now, smoking is no longer allowed inside any University building," Sargent said. "This policy applies to everyone including all employees, students and outside visitors and contractors. The decision to implement such a policy was developed because I believe that the University has an obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and employees."

Those wishing to smoke should do so in appropriate areas outside of the University buildings.

Sargent said the University is committed to helping individuals who wish to stop smoking and noted that the Health Services Department maintains information on how to stop smoking and offers smoking cessation courses periodically. For additional information, call Health Services at 573-8260.
Potpourri
by Lou Connelly

The University lost two dear friends a day apart this Spring with the passing of taxi magnate Frank Sawyer and nationally renowned trial lawyer Paul T. Smith. Sawyer, for whom the building at 8 Ashburton Place is named, was a generous contributor to the school, donating $1 million during the last capital campaign. The 97-year old Sawyer died May 30. Many of the Suffolk family will recall how proud and overcome the self-educated Sawyer was when he was awarded an honorary doctor of commercial science degree by the University in 1979. His daughter, Carol Parks, is a Suffolk trustee. Paul Smith, who died May 31, had been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1973. His Suffolk loyalties ran deep: a 1937 graduate of the Law School with a master of laws the following year, a number of years association with the alumni, and awards including an honorary degree from the University in 1960. Smith rose to fame as a defense lawyer in the Brink’s trial and many other prominent cases. It was heartening for his wife, Frances, and son, Jeffrey, to see the distinguished array of friends and colleagues who turned out for a memorial service in the Donahue Moot Courtroom. These included former Gov. Foster Furcolo, former Atty. General Ed McCormack, Federal Judge Joseph Tauro, legal colleagues like Joe Oteri, Bill Homans, Joe Balliro, Tom Dwyer, Morris Goldings and Ron Wysocki, retired Boston Globe court reporter Joe Harvey, former alumni secretary Dorothy McNamara and a number of Suffolk trustees. President Sargent presided at the tribute...

Admissions Director Bill Coughlin took a trip to Moscow last month as part of a joint educational venture sponsored by a Russian company called VIST. It will bring four Russian students to Suffolk for a year. Coughlin was stirred by a rally of some 5000 Russians in Red Square near his hotel. He also enjoyed watching the Bolsoi Ballet. After earlier snacks at McDonald’s and Pizza Hut, he and some Russian colleagues capped off the visit with a final evening dinner at a Russian restaurant. The full course dinner for six (including champagne and a dash of vodka) came to $30. Sounds fair enough to me...

Congratulations Barbara Ash of Education. She’s been named president of the Massachusetts Business Educators Association. Long involved in business education, Ash is a past president of the New England Business Educators Association and was a featured speaker at its recent national convention...

Welcome to Margaret E. Fitzgerald of Lexington. She’s our new director of health services and comes to us from the medical department at MIT. She’s a Simmons College grad who just received a master of science degree as a family and community nurse practitioner from U Lowell. Margaret succeeds Karen Maney, now at Tufts New England Medical Center...

Nancy Croll, director of academic computing for SOM, has been elected to the board of trustees of New England Regional Computing Program, a non-profit group of 50 area colleges and universities...

The Law School’s Michael Rustad was a participant in the Brookings Institution seminar on the future of the Civil jury trial, held in Charlottesville, Virginia June 17-21...

Dean Jack Brennan is delighted to report that SOM was recently notified of the reaccrediting of the MPA program by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. Brennan paid a special tribute to Chair Dave Pfeiffer for his efforts. The Dean was pleased with the expansion of the health administration degree and noted that the SOM MPA reaccreditation keeps it the only school of management in New England to be nationally accredited by both the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration...

Just what the doctor ordered: Ken Garni of the Counseling Center is still on Cloud Nine after his Under 16 girl’s soccer team in Wellesley won the State Championship at UMass-Amherst completing a tough tournament draw without losing and capping off an undefeated season. “It may take me the remainder of the summer to recover from the thrill of victory,” enthused Garni...

Maria Miliora of Chemistry and Psychology will head for Los Angeles Oct. 15 to present an original paper, “The Psychogenesis of Racism” at the national conference of the Committee on Psychoanalysis of the National Federation of Societies for Clinical Social Work...

Fran Burke of Public Management moderated a panel of top economists at the ADA 1992 National Conference in Washington, D.C. In her remarks, she contrasted the 1933 reforms noted in Roosevelt’s inaugural address with the Bush administration reforms today, 60 years later...

Nice to hear from SUN reader and former development colleague Bill Amidon, now in North Carolina, and still in fund-raising. He sends his best to Suffolk friends and tells us he’s working for the Presbyterian Church as part of a $150 million national campaign...
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Larry Overlan of Suffolk's Beacon Hill Institute and Ted Frier, Department of Education spokesperson for Gov. Weld, have authored a 318-page book, "A Time for a Change: The Return of the Republican Party in Massachusetts," tracing the history of the GOP in the Bay State. Foreword by State Treasurer Joe Malone and epilogue by Ray Shamie, Mass. Republican leader...

Never too early to learn: Twenty-two third graders from the Countryside Elementary School in Newton visited Suffolk on June 12 for a computer lab program organized by Jonathan Frank of CIS. Accompanied by their teacher Ginny Barbini, the students also visited Suffolk's media center and Sawyer Library...

Computer lessons for 3rd graders Jennifer Chew (left) and Emma Frank. Shown here with Jonathan Frank.

A group of 12 specialists, including English's Gail Coffler, have put together 13 essays for SAVAGE EYE, a groundbreaking study examining Herman Melville's interest in the visual arts...

Jessica Ladd, daughter of Paul Ladd, director of management information systems, is counsel and director of Pro Mujera, a non-profit private voluntary agency, establishing programs for disadvantaged women in Bolivia. She's a Suffolk and Harvard Law grad...

July 22 is the date for the first Suffolk faculty-staff intramural volleyball tournament to be held in the Ridgeway gym from 6 to 9 p.m. Contact Bob DiGuardia at M5 for details...

The hit summer movie, A League of Their Own, starring Wareham's Geena Davis and Madonna rekindled some fond memories for Suffolk's retired associate law librarian Pat Brown. She starred in the women's baseball league on which the movie was based, was an invited guest at the Boston premiere and the subject of a number of Boston interviews by the Herald, the Phoenix and other newspapers...

Atlantic City has to be one of Gail Brickley's favorite spots to visit. The assistant law registrar recently walked off with a cool ten grand as a winner on the slot machines...

Senior Vice President Joe Kelley proudly escorted daughter Caroline down the aisle of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Belmont for her marriage to Paul T. Jacques of County Waterford, Ireland. Caroline is the first of Joe's eight children (six daughters and two sons) to take the marital step...

It was an early wakeup call on commencement day for Athletics' Jim Nelson. Long before Jim led the afternoon graduating class in singing the national anthem, he was up at dawn to open Suffolk's Ridgeway athletic facility for Law School commencement speaker Tom Foley to do his daily exercise routine...

We inadvertently omitted the name of Paul Korn of the Counseling Center in last issue's report on the Intercultural Affairs Committee Awards reception. For the record, Korn was honored as the 1992 Faculty Recipient for his "exemplary contributions in the area of intercultural affairs and for... encouragement of harmony, respect and understanding among people"...

President Sargent has announced the formation of the Office of Adult and Evening Studies to be staffed by former Development Director Marge Kelleher and counselor Wilma Arguinzoni. They are located at 20 Ashburton Place, 2nd floor...

Media Services George Comeau and Pam Gaudiano played a part in the Tall Ships arrival extravaganza. Shooting for Continental Cable, Comeau and Gaudiano were aboard the Eagle and interviewed TV news guru Walter Cronkite, while on shore fellow Media Services staffer Sue James did interviews with Tall Ships program honcho Dusty Rhodes and others during her duties on the waterfront...

And SOM's Jack Brennan and wife, Diane, rode aboard the H.M.S. Rose, largest wooden tall ship at 179 feet, as guests of John Hancock and Harbridge House. Meanwhile, a number of Suffolk staffers enjoyed viewing the spectacle from Suffolk's 25th floor offices at One Beacon St...

A happy summer to all. Sorry we missed you at Wimbledon. Maybe we'll catch you at Barcelona. ☀

Carole Wagan Named To Law Post

Carole Wagan of Newburyport has assumed the position of director of advanced legal studies at the Law School. Wagan, a member of the Massachusetts Bar and former director of the Legal Advocacy and Resource Center, was a program attorney for the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education before joining Suffolk.

A cum laude graduate of Ohio State University with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, she received her juris doctor degree from New England School of Law.

Wagan succeeds Prof. Anthony Sandoe, who served as director of the Suffolk Law Center for Advanced Legal Studies for five years before returning to the classroom for full-time teaching. ☀