1062 Degrees Conferred at 1993 Commencement Exercises

COLEGE DEGREE RECIPIENTS - Honorary degree recipients at CLAS/SOM exercises pictured with Chairman Linnehan (left) and President Sargent (right) are from left Carole A. Cowan, John N. Driscoll, Joseph P. Hoar, Angelo N. Scangas, and (front) Xie Xide.

A Clinton cabinet member and the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Central Command shared the commencement speakers' spotlight at the May 30 exercises for some 1062 graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Management, and Law School.

Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown addressed 518 graduates of the Law School at morning exercises, and Marine Corps General Joseph P. Hoar delivered the address to 544 graduates from SOM and CLAS at the afternoon program.

President David J. Sargent conferred the degrees and also awarded honorary doctor of laws degrees to Brown and General Hoar.

Among the earned degree recipients were 22 employees of the University (See Personnel Page).

Other honorary degree recipients were: Nicholas A. Buonocenti, former football player for the Boston Patriots and Miami Dolphins and a 1968 Law School alumnus and now vice chairman and chief operating officer of Columbia Laboratories, Inc. of Hollywood, Fla.; Retired Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice Thomas F. Kelleher; Dr. Joseph E. Murray, 1990 Nobel Prize in Medicine winner and pioneer in human organ transplants, all doctor of laws degrees at the morning ceremonies; and at the afternoon exercises, John N. Driscoll, founding president, treasurer and chairman of the board of HNU Systems, Inc. and Angelo N. Scangas, founder and retired president of West Lynn Creamery, both honorary doctor of commercial science degrees, Dr. Xie Xide, former president of Fudan University in Shanghai, China, doctor of science, and Dr. Carole A. Cowan, president of Middlesex Community College, doctor of humane letters.

The afternoon graduating class included three members of a South Boston family. Brothers Anthony and Gerard Galvin received bachelor of science in business administration degrees while their sister, Gina Galvin, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. Some 92 students from 28 countries received degrees at the afternoon exercises.

The Law School class included students from 23 states and Germany, Nigeria, Pakistan and Puerto Rico.

There were 12 seniors who received their degrees Summa Cum Laude at the afternoon exercises while there were two achieving that honor in the law school.

(cont. on pg. 2)
Degrees (cont.)

Commerce Secretary Brown, former chair of the Democratic National Committee, defended the Clinton administration and criticized the media for painting a false picture of the President. He also chided Ross Perot for charging that the North American Free Trade Agreement signed in December would cost Americans half of all manufacturing jobs saying, "It makes no sense at all."

Brown said that with hard work and togetherness, America will again live up to its potential, noting, "If we abandon the easy route of self-absorption and undertake the hard work of progress and change, we can revitalize our great nation and together build an America for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren that lives up to its promise for all of its people."

General Hoar, who led Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, said he was shocked at the degree of suffering human beings inflict upon one another but praised the relief workers in the Somalia camps "who broke the cycle of starvation." He urged the graduates to find a way to help others.

"Regardless of what your aspirations are, if you've given your best, you will be a success," said Hoar, who grew up in Boston and graduated from Tufts University.

The Outstanding Student Award in the Law School Day Division went to Jennifer Merrigan Fay of Milton. Editor-in-chief of the Law Review, she said she had been inspired by a younger sister who has been ill. She told her classmates that her sister had told her no condition is permanent and Fay mentioned this as a reminder not to fear the uncertainty of the future.

Senior Class President (CLAS and SOM) Lou Greenwald gave the student address at the afternoon program. A finisher in the Boston Marathon this Spring, Greenwald compared his journey through Suffolk with the marathon run. "Personally, I never quit a race," he said. "I never gave up on Heartbreak Hill. Collectively, we never gave up on Beacon Hill."

Both exercises, held at the venerable Wang Center, attracted capacity audiences. Thomas J. Wynn, J.D. '67, a partner in the Raynham law firm of Wynn & Wynn, was marshal for the Law School representing the 25th anniversary class. Michael DeMarco of West Roxbury, B.A. '68, J.D. '71, a partner in the Boston firm of Murphy, DeMarco & O'Neill, served as marshal for the CLAS/SOM anniversary class.

President Sargent presided at both exercises and was introduced by James F. Linnehan, chairman of the Suffolk University Board of Trustees, who delivered the traditional call to commencement.

Enrollment up at State's Independent Colleges

A survey by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts reveals that enrollment at the 85 degree-granting, accredited independent colleges and universities shows a 1 percent increase between 1986 and 1992.

In a news release, AICUM noted the increase comes despite two major obstacles of an ongoing recession and decline in the number of traditional college-age students (18-22) in the state and Northeast. The survey utilized the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data Surveys (IPEDS).

"Given the forecasts of enrollment collapse, it is a pleasant surprise to find enrollment holding up," observed Clare M. Cotton, president of AICUM. "This means private higher education remains a major source of vitality in the entire state."

Total enrollment in independent institutions at all levels in Massachusetts was 238,679, a rise of 1 percent from 1986 but a slight drop since 1989, the peak enrollment year.
Chief Justice Liacos Elected to Board of Trustees

Chief Justice Paul J. Liacos of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has been elected to a five-year term on the Suffolk University Board of Trustees, Chairman James F. Linehan has announced.

Liacos, chief justice of the State's highest court since 1989, was appointed to that court as an associate justice in 1976 following a distinguished career in private practice and as a law professor at Boston University. In addition, he has lectured extensively, including service at Suffolk Law School and at West Point, where he was Distinguished Professor of Law.

A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Boston University's College of Liberal Arts, he received his LL.B. from that institution, also Magna Cum Laude, and an LL.M. from Harvard. A number of institutions have awarded him honorary degrees including Suffolk University in 1984.

"We are honored to add an individual of Chief Justice Liacos' stature to our board," said Linehan in making the announcement. "He has distinguished himself as a lawyer, as a jurist, and as a teacher and most importantly as a human being, and we know he will be a valuable asset to Suffolk University."

Among Liacos' honors are the Human Rights Awards from the National Convention of Women in Law, the Annual Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee in Philadelphia and the Distinguished American Award from the American Foundation for Negro Affairs in 1987.

In announcing Liacos' appointment, the University also announced that Trustee Thomas P. McDermott has retired from the Board of Trustees following seven years service.

McDermott, managing partner in the firm of Ernst and Young and long-time certified public accountant, chaired the School of Management Trustee Committee. He was the 1991 honoree for the Beta Gamma Sigma fraternity at Suffolk and was instrumental in the successful application for accreditation for Suffolk in the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. He was recognized for his efforts by Dean John F. Brennan at the May 13 meeting of the trustee committee.

Torrisi Appointed Associate Dean

Dr. C. Richard Torrisi, an associate dean at the Barney School of Business and Public Administration at University of Hartford, has been appointed Associate Dean/Director of Graduate Programs in Suffolk's School of Management.

Dean John F. Brennan, in making the announcement, said that Torrisi was also appointed an associate professor of international business in the SOM.

Torrisi is presently associate dean of international and special programs and an associate professor of economics at the Barney School. Brennan said the appointment concluded a year-long national search which attracted more than 75 applicants.

Recipient of a Ph.D in economics from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University where he won a Maxwell fellowship, Torrisi is widely published.

"Dean Torrisi's background at an urban university similar to Suffolk and one which has a number of diverse, innovative graduate programs suits him particularly well for his responsibilities at Suffolk," Brennan said.

Torrisi and his wife, Sandy, have three children and have been living in Vernon, Connecticut.

Suffolk Hosts Hull High Sophomores

As part of a continuing association with the school, Suffolk University hosted 70 Hull High School sophomores June 10 for a campus visit and day's activities.

The visit, a continuation of Hull's "Daring to Dream" program, exposes young students to the opportunities and rigors of college life and helps to aid students in making decisions for a college career.

The day's activities included a game of career charades, a speech by State Senator Brian J. McDonald, a visit to Suffolk's Physics Department and visit to Channel 7 where students were greeted by senior producer and Suffolk alum Maria Christopher. A pizza party capped off the day's activities.

The program was organized by Paul Tanklesky, director of career services and cooperative education, who was assisted by Elliot Gabriel of the Dean of Students Office, Jonathan Frank, professor in CIS, and Mary Bettencourt of College Admissions.
Commencement Pictorial

Doris Clausen of the Dean of Students Office, our international student adviser, was among 518 Law School students to receive juris doctor degrees.

Lisa Vigliotta, our benefits assistant in Human Resources, and president of the Evening Division Student Association, received her master of education degree.

Andrea Spears Tylerbest, who was a top ten finalist in the 1987 Miss Black America contest, and formerly a counselor in Suffolk’s College Admissions Office, awaits her turn to receive her juris doctor degree.

Denise Neville of Malden, an accounting major who graduated Summa Cum Laude, led her SOM classmates to their seats. She was president of Beta Alpha Psi, Suffolk’s accounting association.

Continuing a long-time family tradition, Robert E. McLaughlin received his juris doctor degree, and a proud grandfather, retired Superior Court Chief Justice Walter H. McLaughlin and long-time Suffolk trustee, had the pleasure of presenting the degree.

Javier Pagan, who works in the College Admissions Office and won an Outstanding Student Award on Recognition Day, received his bachelor of science degree from President Sargent. The Dorchester resident won the Cultural Initiative award on campus this year.
Personnel

22 Staffers Receive Suffolk Degrees

Twenty-two University employees received degrees from the institution at the 1993 commencement exercises held Sunday May 30 at the Wang Center.

Receiving juris doctor degrees from the Law School were Sonia Bryan of the Counseling Center; Doris Clausen of the Dean of Students Office; Laura Daley from Health Services; Anne Graglia-Kostos of College Admissions; Lisa Modecker of Athletics; and Christine Nee of College Admissions.

Others receiving graduate degrees were David Caristi of the CLAS Dean’s Office, master of public administration; Lynn Dahlborg of Education and Human Services, master of science; Paula Horgan-Westmacott of the Learning Center, master of science; Michelle Larocque of Law Placement, master of business administration; Steven Lincourt of Career Services, master of public administration; Cindy Lucio, UMS, master of education; Karen Regan of the College Registrar’s Office, master of science, Lisa Vigliotta of Human Resources, master of education; and Fuad Yam of MIS, master of business administration.

Undergraduate degree recipients were Jennifer Bachini of the Sawyer Library, bachelor of arts; Ebba Legaspi of the President’s Office, bachelor of science in business administration; Susan Lynch of the Law School, bachelor of science; Judi Nardelli of PC Resources Law School, bachelor of science in business administration; Nicole Navarro of Law Placement, bachelor of science in business administration; Javier Pagan of College Admissions, bachelor of science; and Mary Scarpa of the Law School, bachelor of arts.

In addition to these graduates, a number of September graduates participated in the exercises.

Congratulations to all!

A Gift for Your Retirement

Many people anticipating retirement find it can be difficult to put aside enough funds for those future years. It may be that they don’t qualify for deductible IRAs. Or, they are already contributing the maximum to a Keogh, 401k, 403b or other plan.

There is a way you may be able to accumulate more for retirement and enjoy current and future tax savings while helping Suffolk at the same time. Through the University’s new Deferred Payment Gift Annuity Plan, you can make a special gift to Suffolk and enhance your retirement income.

You buy the annuity from the University and select a date any time in the future when you would like to receive the income- usually at retirement. The rate of return increases the longer the annuity payments are deferred. You get an immediate charitable deduction that can be used to offset current income taxes. At the pre-determined date, you will start receiving guaranteed lifetime annuity payments, a portion of which will be received tax-free. The minimum contribution required to create a gift annuity is $5,000.

If you want more information about how a gift to Suffolk can work effectively with your retirement planning, please contact Diane Y. Spence, Suffolk’s director of special gifts, at 573-8444.

A Reminder on Travel

Assistant Business Manager Annette Gentile reminds those traveling on University-related business and renting an automobile through Avis or booking airfare on Continental Airlines to contact her for savings certificates.

The certificates, valid for a free rental day or discounted airfare, are limited and only available for those traveling on behalf of Suffolk University. If you need additional information, contact Annette at Extension 8406.

Cruise, Outing Treat for Staffers

A harbor cruise for support staff and family picnic for Suffolk employees capped off another busy year for the Suffolk community.

Some 93 administrators and staff took the harbor cruise on the afternoon of June 9 as part of the annual Support Staff Appreciation Day put together by Human Resources Director Judy Minardi and staff. Vice President/Treasurer Francis X. Flannery greeted the guests for the buffet and relaxing cruise.

Then on Sunday, June 13 about 75 members of the Suffolk family gathered at UMass/Boston’s harbor campus for the annual Family Picnic and outdoor activity that included softball, volleyball, sack races and tug of war.

Among the winners in competition were Cindy Lucio of UMS and husband, Javier, in the water balloon toss, and Javier and Midge Wilcke’s three-year-old, Ezra, in the three-legged race.

Barbecued chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers provided nourishment for the gathering. Putting it all together were George Comeau of UMS, Jim Nelson of Athletics, Dan McDonald of Human Resources, and Bob DiGuardia of MIS, and students Alvin Storms and Lisa Brophy, a work study in Human Resources.

Summer Jobs Program Offered

Again this Summer, the University will participate in the Boston Summer Jobs Program sponsored by the Boston Private Industry Council. The program, spotlighted on the June 20th NBC Nightly News, helps high school students and graduates gain job experience and develop good work habits while earning competitive wages.

“Suffolk is pleased to be able to hire seven workers this year, all students or alumni of the Copley Square/Muriel
Snowden International High School,” said Toni Tinberg, assistant director of Human Resources.

“Sophomore Melinda Emmanuel will work in Human Resources; senior Gualberto Cruz and graduate Tuan Dang will work in the Mailroom; graduate Ariana Mead will work in Enrollment & Retention Management; graduate Nicole Lewis will work in the SOM Dean’s Office; Graduate Tamika Roberson will work in Career Services; and graduate Monique Johnson will work in Student Activities.”

Merit Increase Chart

The following merit increase chart reflects the support staff salary increase budget for fiscal year 1993-94. The actual salary increase an employee will receive is dependent upon where his/her current salary falls in the range (the “comparatio”) and his/her performance level.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comparative Ratio</th>
<th>85-94</th>
<th>95-105</th>
<th>106-115</th>
<th>116+</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Performance Level</td>
<td>Distinguished</td>
<td>4 + 1%</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Excellent</td>
<td>3.5 + 1%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>3 + 1%</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
<td>2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Not Acceptable</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Equity Adjustment

Hancock Directories Available

The Office of Human Resources reports that the 1993-94 John Hancock Network Provider Directory will be available for distribution within a few weeks. Until then, there are two copies of the updated directory on reserve at the Sawyer Library and the Mugar Library in the Donahue Building. For further information about network providers, please call a Hancock representative at Cost Care (617) 581-8480.

Have You Met?

Susan D. Sweetgall

She’s the assistant director for public services in the Mugar Law Library and supervises four reference librarians, a reference assistant and four full-time staff on the circulation desk.

Susan Sweetgall came to Suffolk in 1980 after service at Roxbury Community College, where she was assistant librarian for three years, and at the now defunct Garland Junior College where she spent a year in a similar capacity. She grew up in Hudson, N.Y., a community south of Albany with some 9000 residents, and following high school attended Syracuse University where she earned a bachelor of arts in English literature and a master of science in library science.

Susan heard about an opening at Suffolk while at Roxbury Community College and followed it up largely because of a life-long interest in law. While employed at Suffolk, she enrolled in the Law School evenings and received her juris doctor degree in 1987. Her enthusiasm and admiration for Suffolk and respect for her colleagues were reflected during this interview.

Basic Job Responsibilities - In charge of all day-to-day activity for the reference library including scheduling, assignments and research projects and training students.

Toughest Job Challenge - To put forward the importance of legal research, to get it through to everyone in the Law School. Getting it integrated is a challenge for all libraries. Martha Siegel does a fantastic job in this area and Michael Slinger teaches an advanced legal research course. It is very heartening to learn of the good course evaluations received from students. Michael gives us the direction and vision to reach our highest goals.

Most Rewarding Part of Job - The daily contact I have with people, assisting them on matters that might take a day or weeks. For instance, a faculty member may have to identify leading articles in a given area or who holds the clerkships in the Northeast.

Future Goals - Right now we're busy coordinating Suffolk’s role in the American Association of Law Librarians conference in July here in Boston. Suffolk will be one of the libraries the 2000 expected participants will visit. It’s important that the library continues to develop in our educational mission such as through our integrated automated system, which will be phased in over a couple of years and eventually one will be able to sit at a PC and search library material without leaving the desk.

Suffolk Career Influences and Memories - Pat Brown, the retired associate director, was an influence on me. She encouraged me in attending Suffolk Law School, something she herself had done. I don't have one single memory. Just that it's a good place to work with a team feeling and good spirit. Not too big or small. All the pieces fit together and I just have an overall feeling that I'm glad I'm here.

Hobbies and Personal Data - I live in Jamaica Plain, take the Orange Line to work. I like to read, enjoy hiking particularly in the Dover area, and cross country skiing. I enjoy music, particularly Cajun and the Basin Brothers and the Belfa Brothers and Zydeco Music and Queen Ida in particular. I also enjoy acoustic jazz and Thelonious Monk and the folk singing of John Gorka and also like Frank Sinatra. I don't care much for rock.

New Employees

Jennifer Dickson of Saugus, office secretary, Financial Aid.

Erika McCarthy of Boston, project secretary, Law Registrar’s Office.

Maria Oliveira of Dorchester, staff secretary, English as a Second Language.

Dean Tramontana of Hull, library assistant, Sawyer Library.
Potpourri
by Lou Connelly

Three School of Management faculty members were honored at the fifth annual Dean’s Recognition Awards program Friday, May 21 at a Parker House luncheon. Recognized for teaching was Suzyn Ornstein, associate professor of management. Cited for research was Laurie Pant, associate professor of accounting, and saluted for service was Dan Sankowsky, chair of Management.

It was the second time Ornstein and Sankowsky were so honored. Both were toasted in 1989, Ornstein for service and Sankowsky for teaching. Dean Jack Brennan presented each of the three with $1000 stipends. At the same luncheon Summer Research Grant Awards were made to Ki C. Han, assistant professor of finance, and Meera Venkatraman, associate professor of marketing. Each carried with it a summer research stipend of $8,000. Four corporals of the University Police recently completed a week’s command training program at New England Law Enforcement’s management training institute at Babson College. They are Chris Slattery, Paul Curran, Tyrone Johnson, and Mike McGrath—Friends and associates of the late SOM Prof. Harold Stone were saddened to learn of the passing of his widow, Ruth (Temkin) Stone of Newton. She died May 21 at her home at the age of 73. There is a scholarship in Prof. Stone’s name at Suffolk, and as present Accounting Chair Morris McInnes noted, “Harold Stone is remembered as the builder of the accounting undergraduate program at Suffolk.”

They met while both were working in our Student Accounts Office, and on April 4 Susan Nye and Gregory Harris were married in St. Theresa’s Church, West Roxbury, honeymooned in Aruba and are now living in Walpole. Susan stills works as a cashier in Student Accounts, Gregory works at Boston City Hospital… And from the same office, Michael T. Buckley has just taken the vows with Stacey Hersey of Somerville, on June 12 to be exact, at St. Clement’s Church, Somerville, and honeymooned on Martha’s Vineyard… Congratulations to Patricia Holewinski, administrative assistant to Law School Dean Paul R. Sugarman, and husband, Jan, on becoming the parents of a daughter, Julia Mae, born on April 9. And to Associate Vice President Bob West and wife, Erin, on the arrival of their first daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, weighing in at 5 pounds, 15 ounces at South Shore Hospital. Meghan joins brothers Andrew and James in the West’s Weymouth homestead… Another new parent on campus is Robert Allison, history lecturer. He and his wife, Phyllis, greeted son, Philip, 4 pounds, 4 ounces, upon arrival… An additional honor has come Athletic Director Jim Nelson’s way. On May 27 at St. John’s Church, Cambridge, North Cambridge Catholic High School honored him as “Alumnus of the Year” at the school’s graduation exercises. Nelson was graduated from the school in 1960, one of its all-time basketball stars, and still very loyal to the school… Nice to see that Suffolk alum Ed McDonnell, president of The Seagram Spirits and Wine Group and a corporate executive vice president, has been appointed to the company’s board of directors. A 1959 Suffolk grad (B.S.B.A.), Ed received an honorary degree from us in 1984 and is a patron of Summa… Another distinguished alumnus, Richard M. Rosenberg (B.S. Journalism 1952) CEO of Bank/America, recently addressed the annual meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business in Seattle and chatted with SOM Dean Jack Brennan. Rosenberg, a Fall River native, delivered the 1991 commencement address to SOM/CLAS grads and received an honorary degree…

We’ll have a couple of new full-time faculty members on hand for the Fall semester. Robyn McLaughlin has been appointed associate professor of finance. He holds a Ph.D. in financial economics from the Sloan School at M.I.T. and had been an assistant professor at Boston College since 1986. And James Hannon, who lectured in sociology the past year, has been named an assistant professor in the Sociology Department. As a faculty member at Central Connecticut State University, he received the Teacher of the Year Award… Prof. Steven Ferrey of the Law School authored the lead article in the Public Utilities Law Anthology, Vol. XV, Part II, and Associate Law Dean Charles Kindregan chaired the Family Law seminar at the annual summer meeting of the Mass. Bar Association… Two other law faculty, Profs Richard M. Perlmutter and Bernard M. Ortwein, made a presentation on effective negotiation at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Bar Association in Newport June 10… Laurie Pant of Accounting had her paper, “Behavioral Determinants of Auditor Aggressiveness in Client Relations” accepted for publication in Behavioral Research in Accounting. It was co-authored with J. Cohen and D. Sharp… Our sympathies this month to Prof. Shahriar Khaksari of Finance on the passing of his father, Esnaeil, a one-time general in the Iranian army during the reign of the Shah of Iran… Prof. Margaret Collins Weitz of Humanities and Modern Languages, had three articles in French published this past Spring. One profiled Catherine Trodden, mayor of Strasbourg and deputy to the European Parliament. A second dealt with the Order of the Academic Palms, a medal she received two years ago. Her paper for a recent Council of Europe Symposium devoted to European/North American similarities was published by the Council in both French and English…

(cont. on pg. 8)
Potpourri (cont. from pg. 7)

Nancy Croll of SOM was recently selected to review papers for the proceedings of the 21st annual conference of the International Business Schools Computer Users meeting in Denver. She also co-chaired and hosted the annual New England Computing Program conference on local area networks at Suffolk.

Myra Lerman of the SOM’s Dean’s Office was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation by the National Association of Academic Affiliates Administrators at its national conference in Kansas City, Mo. This recognized her outstanding service, notably as past president of the Northeast region of the association. English's Bob Johnson found an ideal setting to work on his poetry—a 16-day stayover in May at an artists’ colony. The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts...

The 1993 commencement, as ever, provided a lot of reunions for many people, among them Suffolk Law School Commencement Speaker Ron Brown and Suffolk Development Director Arnie Bailey. The Secretary of Commerce and Bailey were fraternity brothers at Middlebury College in the early sixties and Brown gave Arnie a hearty greeting when they got together that morning.

Law School Prof. Dwight Golann recently led a mediation training session for a group of top commercial lawyers at a meeting of the Center for Public Resources in the Greenbrier Resort, West Virginia early in June. And among the top lawyers from around the country on hand to listen was Former CIA and FBI Director William Webster. The Center is the leading organization promoting alternative dispute resolution. Golann presented a demonstration and led simulation exercises in creative mediation. Golann is in demand for these lectures and has upcoming sessions scheduled in Santa Fe, New Mexico and Toronto.

A record number 223 students attended the MBA, MPA, and MSF hooding ceremony at the Park Plaza prior to the afternoon commencement exercises. It was the fifth annual ceremony and City Councillor and mayoralty candidate John A. Nucci was the featured speaker. He is a graduate of Suffolk’s MPA program and a member of the SOM adjunct faculty. Dave Pfieffer of Public Management was the faculty marshal, and student speaker Adam Silverman received the Presidential Scholarship. Candidates were hooded by Marie Matava, coordinator of the MPA program, and Suzyn Ornstein, associate professor of management, and Associate Dean Ron Sundberg.

Susan Thayer of the Learning Center presented a session on professional standards and was a panelist at the 16th annual National Conference on Learning Assistance at Fordham University in New York City.

Upcoming:

On Sunday, Aug. 22 at the C. Walsh Theatre "A Moment of Plain talk," a forthright personal dialogue on living with AIDS, will be presented in poetry and prose by Ellie Friedland and Peter Leslie. It will start at 7:30 p.m.; tickets are $10 per person and proceeds will go to The Barry A. Locke Fund for AIDS support services in the Boston area. Call (617) 573-8680, the theatre box office, for additional info...

It could have been worse, rationalized Admissions’ Bill Coughlin after a line drive off the bat of Jim Nelson left Bill bruised and black and blue in the ribs during the Suffolk Family Picnic softball game. But Nelson softened the blow a day later by sending Coughlin the softball inscribed, "Ouch!" and a postscript, "I didn’t mean it." All of which brings us to the bottom line for this academic year and a wish that you enjoy the Summer. Hope to see you in Maine next month for some white water rafting.

From Russia with Law

The Law School recently hosted the dean and vice dean of the International Juridical Institute in Moscow, Russia for a look at American legal education. Picture above (from left) are Associate Dean Charles Kindregan; Atty. Maurice J. Fitzgerald, J.D. ’86; Dean Paul R. Sugarman; Dean Zola B. Tishenko, and Dean Vladimir A. Boockov of the Institute; their translator; Associate Dean Russell Murphy; and Dr. Daniel McGillis of Abt Associates. The Institute provides advance training to Russian judges and next year will begin offering a law school program for those wishing to be trained as lawyers for the Russian bar.