1128 Degrees Awarded at Commencement; 8 Staffers Among Them

A mother of triplets, two married couples, a New York physician, and eight Suffolk University employees were among some 1128 graduates to receive degrees at the University's May 28 commencement exercises at the Wang Center.

President David J. Sargent conferred degrees on 653 graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Management at afternoon exercises. Earlier in the day, Sargent presented degrees to 475 juris doctor candidates.

Nobel Peace Prize nominee John Hume of Northern Ireland delivered the afternoon address, and Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle of South Dakota addressed the Law School graduates. Sargent awarded an honorary doctor of public administration degree to Hume citing him for "being committed to finding a way not only for those who seek peace in one corner of the world, but for all of us who live in this world."

Sen. Daschle received an honorary doctor of law degree for "unstintingly honoring the public trust and advancing the cause of ethical government."

Other honorary degree recipients were Justice Victoria Lederberg of the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, U.S. District Court for Massachusetts Judge A. David Mazzone, and Robert W. O'Leary, chairman and chief executive officer of American Healthcare Systems, all doctor of law degrees; Rachel A. Robinson, founder and chair of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, doctor of humane letters, Martin Bookspan, renowned narrator, critic and author for classical music, doctor of humane letters, and John J. Cullinane, president of the Cullinane Group, Inc., and founder of Cullinet

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Justice Nolan Appointed University Professor

Recently retired Associate Justice Joseph R. Nolan of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, has been appointed to the position of Suffolk University Professor, President Sargent has announced.

Justice Nolan has been a member of the Law School's adjunct faculty for 25 years. The popular and long respected jurist had the distinction of being the only individual to sit on all four tiers of the Massachusetts court system. He served on the District, Superior and Appeals courts before his appointment to the Supreme Judicial Court.

Sargent said that in his position as University Professor, Justice Nolan will be available to offer lectures and courses in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Management and the Law School. "He will also be available to assist in Alumni and Development activities," Sargent added.

Justice Nolan, a triple Eagle from Boston College (B.C. High, Boston College and Boston College Law School), is the father of seven and holds an honorary doctor of law degree from Suffolk University. He was appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court in 1981. He is president and dean of the Franklin N. Flaschner Judicial Institute and also president of the American Law Institute, the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Catholic Lawyers Guild of the Archdiocese of Boston.

He and his wife, the former Margaret M. Kelly, make their home in Belmont.
O'Neill Conference Scores Again

Jason Robards receives medal from English's Fred Wilkins.

For the third time in the last decade Suffolk University hosted a phenomenally successful conference on playwright Eugene O'Neill, attracting academic and theatrical folk from all corners of the U.S. and abroad including Japan, China, Russia, England and France.

The four-day event ran from May 11 to 14 with some 150 delegates in attendance. It opened with a presentation of 54 academic papers and closed with a trip to O'Neill's boyhood home in New London, Conn. The hectic four-day period included an opening awards ceremony, a sing-along, three panel discussions, a special video presentation, and four theatrical performances.

Medals of appreciation were presented to O'Neill biographers Arthur and Barbara Gelb, director Jose Quintero, actor and director Jason Robards and (in absentia) actress and director Geraldine Fitzgerald in a ceremony at the C. Walsh Theatre.

Highlights of the conference included Robards' amusing reminiscences of his and Quintero's attempts to lure the performance rights of The Iceman Cometh from Carlotta Monterey, O'Neill's third wife, and the Friday May 12 panel discussion with Robards, Quintero and Peter Altman of the Huntington Theatre talking about the status of O'Neill in the American theatre today.

Other highlights included a moving performance of Long Day's Journey Into Night in Russian by the Gogol Theatre of Moscow, a performance even Jose Quintero came backstage to cheer, and the following morning's panel discuss-

Degrees

Software, Inc., doctor of commercial science.

The Law School graduating class numbered among it students from 168 colleges, 25 states and seven foreign countries. Fifty-five per cent of the graduates are women.

Among those receiving a juris doctor degree was Sandra I. Madden, employed in the SOM office of Dean John F. Brennan.

The following staffers received degrees at the afternoon exercises of CLAS and SOM: Diana F. Gonzalez of the Mailroom, bachelor of science; Denise A. Malvo-Rodrigues of Management, bachelor of science in business administration; Erin L. McDonough of Education and Human Services, bachelor of science; Anna L. Roderick of Communications and Journalism, bachelor of science; Jennifer Dickson of Financial Aid, master of education; Tammy A. Heathco of the Law Library, master of education; and Elizabeth McDowell of Career Services, master in science.

The Law School class also included a mother of triplets, Sara Tolosa of Arlington, who gave birth to the three last August; brother and sister Maureen and James Stanton of Hyde Park, whose father, grandfather and great grandfather all graduated from Suffolk Law School; two married couples, Nancy and Richard Horan of Medfield, and Marguerite and Michael Crowe of Natick; and a Loudonville, N.Y. physician, Valerie Mandell, whose daughter, Bethany, is a third-year law student. Student speakers were Stephen P. O'Malley of Nahant for the Law School, and Catherine M. Conneely, a summa cum laude grad from Ireland, who earned a bachelor of arts degree in international economics.

Law School graduates winning awards included Jennifer L. Parent of Litchfield, New Hampshire, the Daniel J. Fern Award as top student in the Day division; Lynn E. Riley of Braintree, Fern award as top Evening student; Kathleen E. Kirleis of Medford, the Judge Harry Kalus Award combining the highest grade in the Massachusetts Practice course and the highest cumulative average; Susan B. Church of Somerville, Day division, and Joel A. Kravetz of Waltham, Evening division, the Leo J. Wyman Award, Michael K. Terry of Westwood, the Alexander Cella Book Award given annually for competence in administrative law, Michelle Weinstock of Lexington and Nadia Totino Beard of Newton, for the White, Inker, Aronson, P.C. Family Law Essay Contest.

Diana Dischino of Somerville, who received a B.S. in Business Administration, graduated as the top student in the School of Management with a 3.79 grade point average. Top student in CLAS was Marta Fair of Malden, who posted a 3.97 grade-point average receiving a B.S. in paralegal studies.

10 Graduate From First U.S. Kazakhstan Business Program

A reception was held July 13 in the CMD Conference Room at One Beacon Street to mark the first graduation of Suffolk's Center for International Education and the U.S. Kazakhstan Business Program.

Ten business executives comprised the first graduating class from the program, affiliated with Suffolk since June of 1994 and created by the Atakamen Petroleum Corp in cooperation with the University’s Center for International Education.

According to Dean of Enrollment and Retention Management Marguerite J. Dennis, the purpose of the program is to strengthen links and provide better communication between Western firms and the oil and gas industry of Kazakhstan, which won its independence from the Soviet Union nearly four years ago.

The ten graduates are all high-ranking executives from throughout Kazakhstan, notably in the oil industry. They lived in the Boston area with their families. During the year they studied English as a second language, computers, a special course on American culture and institutions, business organization and leadership, law of contracts and commercial transactions, principles of marketing and international business.

Meiram Akhmedzhanov, program director, says the program works both ways. "It benefits both the Kazakh executives who gain exposure to Western business practices and American executives who have an opportunity to establish contacts in a stable yet vibrant new marketplace- the Republic of Kazakhstan," he said.

Dean Dennis presented graduation diplomas to Anatolii Teguispaev, Koudabai Kaugashiev, Kairbek Madiarov, Altnayi Keldjanova, Moukhtar Sagingaliev, Hanim Koussaev, Evgueni Ogai, Goulchara Akhmedzhanova, Erkin Ulukpanov, and Mensula Kupiarova.

New College Admissions Director Named

Kathleen S. Teehan, dean of admissions and financial aid at Dean College in Franklin, has been named Suffolk University director of undergraduate admissions, Dean of Enrollment and Retention Management Marguerite J. Dennis has announced.

Teehan has served in her present post at Dean since 1991. Prior to that she had been an assistant dean for grants and contracts at Bunker Hill Community College and prior to that had been director of admissions at Bunker Hill for nine years. She holds a B.A. in psychology from the University of Massachusetts and a master in public administration from Suffolk University.

"Ms. Teehan brings more than 20 years of higher education administration experience to her new position and will assume her duties in July," said Dennis. "We have been fortunate in having an admissions person like Bill Coughlin these many years and like her predecessor, Kathleen Teehan has the know how and knowledge of the field to make her a valuable asset to Suffolk University."

Coughlin retired June 30 after 29 years service in the Admissions Office.

Math, Computer Science Offer Grad Program

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science has inaugurated a new graduate program in computer science which has an unusual emphasis on applications.

Dr. Dan Stefanescu, who specializes in parallel and distributed programming, will be program director. According to Margaret Codianne of Math and Computer Science, the program’s emphasis on applications will be bolstered by the addition of Dr. Ratko Orlandic, a database specialist who has been working for Novell and whose publications cover a broad range of database issues.

The new graduate program information session will be held on Monday, Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m. For additional information contact the Graduate Admissions Department at 573-8302.
Newsmakers

John E. Fenton Jr., Dean, Law School. He was one of three city of Lawrence leaders recently honored by the Boy Scouts of America. At a presentation by the Yankee Clipper Council, Fenton received the Distinguished Citizens Award for his community efforts including serving as a trustee of the Merrimack Valley YMCA, director of the Greater Lawrence Boys and Girls Club and president of the Lawrence Youth Center.

Laura Bennett Peterson, Law faculty. She presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Law and Economics Association at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law in May. The paper, “Theory Versus Fact in the Choice of Organizational Form: A Study of Body and Frame Production in the Automobile Industry,” was co-authored with Dr. Thomas G. Marx of General Motors and was selected by a program committee of chaired law professors at Yale and Southern California and full law professors at Northwestern and Berkeley.

Charles Rounds, Law faculty. He testified before a Congressional U.S. Joint Economic Committee in May on the Clinton administration’s policy of encouraging pension fund managers to invest in Economically Targeted Investments. Republican Congressman Jim Saxton of New Jersey, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, had introduced a bill prohibiting the administration from proceeding with their ETI program.

James Hannon, Sociology. He received a $10,000 award from the John L. Templeton Foundation’s international competition for courses which address the relationship between science and religion. His course will be offered in the Spring of 1996 and half of the award will be presented to the University to support this area of the curriculum.

Mary Sbuttoni, Dean of Students Office. She recently passed the national certification exam for therapeutic massage and bodywork. She is completing a two-year program at the Muscular Therapy Institute in Cambridge and will be working part-time as a massage therapist summer in addition to her duties at Suffolk.

Paul Fahey, administrative assistant to Dean of Students Nancy Stoll, was honored as the outstanding graduate student in the School of Management at the Evening Division Student Association’s recognition night at the Omni Parker House April 28. He is completing his master of public administration degree this summer and will begin the certificate of advanced study in public administration in the Fall.

Robert P. Wasson Jr., Law faculty. He was interviewed by the weekly newspaper Bay Windows on the significance of the case of Bottoms vs. Bottoms in which the Virginia State Supreme Court reversed an appeals court decision thereby taking custody of a child from his mother because the mother was a sexually active lesbian.

John Berg, Government. He played host to an international conference of 35 political scientists in June. The conference with a theme of “Capitalism vs. Democracy: Struggles of Resistance and for Social Change” drew participants from Australia, Denmark, Germany, Canada, Britain and the U.S. including a pair of honeymooners from Tallahassee, Florida. It was organized by the International Political Science Association. Berg is chair of the study group whose next conference will be in Aarhus, Denmark in 1996.

Steven Ferrey, Law faculty. He is an adviser to the World Bank on privatization of major infrastructure in the country of Sri Lanka, which is experiencing an escalating civil war between government and separatist forces.

Gail Sergenian, Accounting faculty. She served on two panels at the Northeast regional meeting of the American Accounting Association in Hartford, Conn. in April. The discussions concerned “Teaching Your Own Projects and Cases” and “Transforming the Accounting Curriculum through Technological Advances.”

Celeste Bennett Wilson, general manager, C. Walsh Theatre. She’s been awarded a $1200 scholarship from Chamber Music America, a national organization dedicated to the funding and development of chamber music groups. She is one of 28 presenters of chamber music from throughout the nation who will attend a seminar at the Aspen Institute in Aspen, Colorado. Suffolk University presents two chamber groups, Collage New Music and Emmanuel Music, for ongoing Sunday chamber music concerts.

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The four-day fiesta culminated in a champagne brunch at the Monte Cristo Cottage in New London, Conn. where academic and theatrical delegates from all over the world enjoyed the ambiance of O’Neill’s boyhood home as they sipped champagne on the lawn and contemplated the life and works of America’s only Nobel prize-winning playwright.

—Bernadette Smith—
Something Different Proud Pop New Employees For Support Staff

June 7 was the annual Support Staff Appreciation Day and this year Human Resources tried something different - a "murder" mystery show at the Tremont House.

The Mystery Cafe performed the show entitled "Big Al's Bootleg Cabaret," a murder mystery about organized crime. The cast put on the show as Suffolk staffers and supervisors enjoyed refreshments. The highlight of the show? A dance number with several Suffolk employees showing off their dancing ability.

Long-time faculty member Alberto Mendez of Humanities and Modern Languages, was on hand for the annual Suffolk athletic banquet to see his son, Rodrigo, honored for his outstanding contributions to the Suffolk tennis team. His coach, Rich Levenson, called Mendez "the team catalyst" as the team had its best season ever, finishing with a 9-2 record.

TIAA Insurance Rates To Remain Same

Rates for the TIAA Supplemental Life Insurance Plan will remain unchanged this year. However, the cost to participants in the plan may increase as participants enter a new age category and/or receive a higher salary and thus a higher benefit.

"Rates for the TIAA Group Long Term Disability Plan will increase about 12 per cent effective July 1, 1995," Human Resources' Toni Tinberg reports. "This cost increase results from changes in the age composition of our employee group, and changes in the rate structure. TIAA's LTD insurance also now includes, where warranted, a variety of rehabilitation services. A rider detailing these services will be mailed shortly."

For information about either supplemental life insurance or long term disability insurance, contact Tinberg in Human Resources at Extension 8418.

New Employees
Albanese, Venus M. of Malden. Switchboard.
Cunningham, Mary K. of Waltham, secretary, Communications and Journalism.
LaFauci, Janine M. of Malden, secretary, Law School.
Legaspi, Ebba N. of Dorchester, administrative secretary, Law School.
Martin, Elena of Malden, assistant, Law Library.
Murphy, Erin of Melrose, representative, Student Accounts.
Mazzaglia, Eleanor A. of Somerville, counselor, Career Services Law.
Nunez, Ramon A. of Dorchester, officer, University Police.
Ross, Jennifer of Roslindale, associate director, UMS.
Tressel, Marilyn of Brookline, associate director, Finance.

WarmLines Will Visit Campus Sept. 28

WarmLines, our resource and referral service for child and elder care, will be on campus Thursday, Sept. 28 in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room, Room 308 Sawyer Building. If you want information about the service, stop by between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Human Resources' Toni Tinberg advises staffers to call WarmLines at 617-244-6843 and points out that the service is available at no cost for employees.
Suffolk’s long-time photographer John Gillooly was a busy man during the May 28 commencement exercises covering a doubleheader—morning exercises for the Law School and the afternoon program for SOM and CLAS. Here’s a sample of some of his many shots taken during the day.

Proud Mom was on hand when Tammy Heathco of our Law Library received her master of education degree. Mrs. Laura Cordeiro lives in Minot, Maine.


Student speaker for the CLAS/SOM exercises Catherine M. Conneely, a Summa Cum Laude graduate with a B.A. in international economics, was pleased to meet a fellow Ireland native, commencement speaker John Hume.

Honorary degree recipients at CLAS/SOM exercises are shown with President Sargent and Chairman Linnehan. Left to right, Sargent, John J. Cullinane, Rachel Robinson, Martin Bookspan, John Hume and Chairman Linnehan.

This year’s Law School commencement exercises had more than the usual touch for veteran Law Prof. Cliff Elias, pictured with his daughter, Brenda, who received her juris doctor degree.

Management Chair Dan Sankowsky had a big hug for daughter Bethany, who received her B.S. in Business Administration.

Thanks Mr. President says Deanna A. Stanford of the College Registrar’s Office, an English major.

A great day, one Linda Williams of the Dean’s Office in SOM won’t forget as she waves her diploma to the audience.
Potpourri

by Lou Connelly

The well-wishers were out in abundance on June 15 to wish a hearty farewell to Development’s Gail Mansfield leaving the University after a decade’s service for a position as director of annual giving at the Schepens Eye Research, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School. President Dave Sargent and Board Chairman Jim Linnehan headed the list of friends and associates paying tribute to Gail at a reception at the Omni Parker House’s Last Hurrah. She began her Suffolk career as executive secretary to the late Suffolk President Dan Perlman, spent four years as director of the annual fund for the three schools and most recently was development officer with CLAS Dean Mike Ronayne. The best of everything to you, Gail...

And speaking of tributes, the farewell to Admissions’ Bill Coughlin at Pier Four must rank as one of the social smashes in a long time. More than 350 friends, including representatives from some 30 schools, turned out for the reception. The gathering attracted a lot of people from Suffolk’s past including former Dean of Students Brad Sullivan, ex-Dean of Enrollment Management Bob Lay, one-time Admissions counselor Marti Barrett, former Student Activities Director Jim Peterson and wife, Ellen, who once worked in Admissions, retired Prof. Bob Waehler, Mary Fraser, formerly of the Dean of Students office, ex-staffer Carolyn Arenburg, and Dan Fitzgerald, formerly of the Suffolk mailroom. And among those leading the applause was Coughlin’s old roommate at Holy Cross, our Law Dean John E. Fenton Jr. Jim Nelson of Athletics was emcee and did a superb job moving the program along and interjecting some humorous stories...

He spent 26 years as Suffolk’s superintendent of buildings and security before retiring in 1988 and his death in May saddened many. The 72-year old Ivan Banks began at Suffolk back in 1962 before the tremendous growth of the institution and Ivan was a familiar figure on campus, helpful to the needs of faculty and staff. He and his wife of 48 years, Lois, had lived in Kennebunk, Maine since his retirement...

His department obviously appreciates the efforts of University Police Officer Greg Grande. Upon his completion of 10 years service, Greg received a $100 gift certificate to Jimmy’s Harborside from his boss, Capt. John Pagliarulo. The University Police welcomed new officer Ramon Nunez, a recent Suffolk grad and Ram baseball player. And police trainee Maureen Brown is off for a nine-week campus police academy run by the State Police...

Rose Wright, associate director of the Learning Center, is a proud mom. Her daughter, Donna, of Suffolk’s Class of 1993 in political science, was graduated in May from the Harvard School of Public Health with an M.S. in health policy and management...

Cape Cod Community College has a new academic dean with a Suffolk background. Carolyn Jordan was a special assistant to the late S.U. prexy Dan Perlman in 1983...

Our sympathies this month to Economics Prof. John Shannon on the loss of his mother, Mrs. Mary C. (Uniacke) Shannon of Somerville, to Eric Myrvaagines of Economics on the passing of his father, Casper Myrvaagines, a retired professor at Tufts University, and to Associate Prof. Laurie Pant of Accounting on the death of her father, Howard Waldorf of Victor, N.Y...

SOM’s Lee Sutherland reports that his oldest son, Dr. William Sutherland, a surgeon, and 1980 CLAS grad, was recently elected to the New England Spine Study Group. Membership in this prestigious body is limited to selected physicians specializing in the treatment of spinal injuries...

Jim Nelson of Athletics reminds the S.U. community that this year’s University Deans’ Reception will be held Saturday Oct. 14 at the John F. Kennedy Library from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact Jim at x8379 if you have any questions or suggestions...

Grad Admissions has welcomed a new half-time assistant director, Mrs. Terry Bishop, coming to us from Middlesex Community College. She’ll be coordinating off-site information sessions and community outreach programs and our mentor program...

Her colleagues are wishing Ann Graglia-Kostos the best of success. She started at Suffolk six years ago, working in the law library and most recently College Admissions. During that time she earned two degrees including a J.D. from the Law School. Anne is joining the legal staff of North Shore Arc, a human service organization in Danvers, not far from her Peabody home...

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In our last issue of the SUN, we profiled our baseball coach Joe Walsh on his 200th coaching victory. Joe kept going, his team recording an all-time high of 26 victories and advancing to the finals of the ECAC post season tournament. And to cap it off, Walsh was voted New England College Coach of the Year, coaching the All-Star team in the Division II and III vs. Division I game at Fenway Park. Joe was the subject of a feature piece in the Boston Globe...

Paula DeGloria of the Management Information Systems Department and husband Joe, welcomed twins at Beth Israel Hospital June 2. Daughter Allison Marie weighed in at 5 pounds 7 ounces while son Daniel, weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces...

A warm welcome to new Development colleague, Karl Kussin, who has joined us as associate director of development. He comes to us from Minute Man Arc for Human Services, Inc. and he also was a consultant for the New England Deaconess Association. He and his wife, Sarah, recently welcomed their fourth son, Gabriel Peter, who weighed in at 8 pounds 9 ounces...

The Suffolk University Alumni Associations will present the first Sunset Party Cruise aboard the Spirit of Boston, which will feature a two-hour party cruise Aug. 4. Tickets are $22 each for the cruise. Snacks and light hors d’oeuvres will be served, and there will be a cash bar...

Suffolk University was well-represented at the Silver Anniversary Meeting of the Popular Culture Association in Philadelphia in April. Joe McCarthy of Education and Human Services read a paper on “The Great War and Contemporary Memory,” and Marilyn Jurich of English chaired a session on gender aspects of science fiction, and Gail Coffler of English chaired a session on Herman Melville. McCarthy, by the way, addressed the Union Club of Boston in June regarding strategic and tactical lessons of the Civil War...

Tom Connolly of English has been appointed North American review editor of Theatre Research International, an international scholarly journal published by Oxford University Press...

Beverly Kahn of CIS received a computer software grant from Course Technology, Inc. for 80 copies of Microsoft Office Professional V4.3. The software will be used to upgrade all the computer users in the SOM student computing lab...

And Steve Patterson of Chemistry has been testing a beta version of Microsoft’s new Windows 95 pc operating system since March. Steve says it installs easily and is a generally faster and more stable than Windows 3.1...

Eighteen Hull High School students visited Suffolk as part of a Communications Day. According to Paul Tanklefsky, director of career services and cooperative education, the general feedback from students, faculty, and administration was very positive. On a 1 to 10 rating, the student evaluation was a 6.66...

Registrar Mary Hefron and friends are enjoying a trip to Ireland this summer. And Diane Spence of Development, husband Mike, and daughter Elizabeth, vacationed in Paris and London...

Dan McDonald, long-time Human Resource staffer, visited his old office recently. He’s teaching and pursuing a degree at the University of Arizona...

Congratulations to Rich Levenson and his 1995 Suffolk University tennis team for compiling a 9-2 record this past Spring, the best in the school’s history...

Former U.S. Senator Warren Rudman of New Hampshire was warmly received by close to 450 guests at the annual Dwight L. Allison Distinguished Lecture Series May 25 at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Rudman was awarded an honorary degree prior to his address, which focused on the budget and America’s debt. Rudman is now a partner in the international law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison. The Allison Lecture series, named for the late distinguished alumnus and attorney, is supported by a grant to the University from the Dwight L. and Stella Allison Lecture brought this group together. From left, Dwight Allison Jr., former New Hampshire Sen. Warren Rudman, Barbara Allison, program chair and daughter of Dwight Jr., President Sargent and Board Chairman James F. Linnehan.

Allison Fund and administered by the Boston Foundation. It continues to grow in popularity...

A nice summer to all. See you at the polo matches at Myopia...