Board of Trustees Adds Three New Members

Suffolk University’s Board of Trustees has added three new members to the school’s governing body, Chairman James F. Linnehan has announced. The new members are Retired U.S. Marine Corps General Joseph P. Hoar, Edward F. McDonnell, retired president of the Seagram Company Ltd. and a member of that company’s board of directors, and Mrs. Margaret Geraghty, retired president of Geraghty Associates of Readville.

The trio will be sworn in at a meeting of the board on Nov. 4. The election brings to 28 the number of trustees serving the University.

As commander-in-chief of the U.S. Central Command, General Hoar directed all United States military operations in Somalia, supervising Operation Restore Hope. He and his wife, Dr. Charlene Hoar, a licensed psychologist, make their home in Del Mar, California. Since retirement, General Hoar operates a consulting firm, J.P. Hoar & Associates. He was the commencement speaker at the 1994 CLAS/SOM exercises and awarded an honorary degree.

McDonnell, a 1959 graduate of Suffolk University where he was class president, is also a Suffolk honorary degree recipient, receiving his doctorate at the 1984 commencement. The long-time Seagram’s executive grew up in Hyde Park, now makes his home in New York. A board member of the Council of the Americas and former member of the Steering Committee of Carnegie Hall, for many years he was president of Seagram International, responsible for 29 operating companies outside the U.S. for Seagram Company Ltds., the world’s largest producer of distilled spirits and wine. Prior to joining Seagram’s, he was with the Pillsbury Company and General Foods Corporation.

Mrs. Geraghty, who makes her home in Milton, has earned the reputation of an astute businesswoman, a community leader, devoted mother and friend of education, and Irish organizations. Recently, she made a generous gift to Suffolk University to support the Irish studies program. The gift consisted of seven condominium units in the Beacon Hill/West End area which when sold will be directed in part to augment the existing Thomas Geraghty Fund for Irish studies at the University. The fund was named for Mrs. Geraghty’s late husband.

The balance of her gift will be used for an endowed scholarship for undergraduate students at the CLAS and SOM to create a book fund at Mildred Sawyer Library and support the Law School’s new building project.

Mrs. Geraghty, a former Boston school teacher, raised three children before joining her husband in building a real estate management business. She became president after her husband’s death in 1985. When she retired she turned over executive and management responsibilities to her three children.

Her support of many Irish organizations was recognized by the Boston Chapter of the Central Remedial Clinic in Dublin, Ireland which awarded her its Michael Joyce Humanitarian Award in 1993.

Chairman Linnehan, in announcing the appointments, said, “Our new trustees bring worlds of experience to the board and a deep commitment to education and devotion to Suffolk University. We are delighted that they are adding their talents to the Board of Trustees.”
Suffolk Dedicates Its Frank Sawyer School of Management

Suffolk University dedicated its Frank Sawyer School of Management in a spirited outdoor ceremony on Ashburton Place attended by more than 400 spectators Sept. 21.

The ceremony honored the memory of the school’s late benefactor and acknowledged a generous gift from the family of Mr. Sawyer. Mayor Thomas M. Menino, President David J. Sargent, Board Chairman James F. Linnehan, SOM Dean John F. Brennan and Carol Sawyer Parks, the daughter of Frank Sawyer, all spoke at the dedication.

A number of Sawyer’s relatives and friends, including his widow, Mildred Sawyer, were on hand for the festivities. Suffolk’s college library is named for Mrs. Sawyer.

Mayor Menino, who received the first Frank Sawyer School of Management Award, praised Sawyer’s legacy and said it would be perpetuated through a city-funded internship to be awarded a Suffolk University management school graduate student. The student will work in the city’s Office of Business Services, assisting in the creation of jobs for young people.

“We will help neighborhood businesses find qualified part-time seasonal help by creating a pool of qualified teen applicants,” the Mayor said. “This partnership will be another lasting tribute to Frank Sawyer and his family, and another great contribution to this city.”

President Sargent said, “The newly named Frank Sawyer School of Management honors a generous and valued friend of Suffolk University, Carol Sawyer Parks, the daughter of Frank Sawyer, a long-time Suffolk trustee, is carrying on her father’s steadfast support of our institution and we are very grateful.”

Ms. Parks, in acknowledging the honor to her father, observed, “Suffolk University epitomizes everything my father stood for. Although he never went to college, he had the utmost respect for education and for those who must struggle to pay for it. He was a self-made man, but despite the success he achieved, he always remembered his roots, and how hard he had to work to get where he was.”

Ms. Parks is the chief executive officer of Checker Taxi, Town Taxi, Red Cab and Sawyer Enterprises in Boston, started by her father.

Dean Brennan called Mr. Sawyer “perhaps the quintessential example of creative American entrepreneurship,” adding, “He was the first generation of his family to be born in this country and had to leave school in the ninth grade to go to work. Armed only with his native intelligence, remarkable business instincts and the highest ethical principals, Frank Sawyer built a corporate empire that today stretches across the world.”

The dedication attracted Suffolk trustees, faculty, administration, staff and students and was followed by a luncheon at the Great Hall in the State House. As noted by President Sargent, a similar dedication, that of the Frank Sawyer Building at 8 Ashburton Place, was held in 1982.

Dershowitz Heads Parley on Lawyers in the Media

Alan Dershowitz, Harvard Law School professor and defense attorney for O.J. Simpson, will head a two-day conference on “Lawyers in the Media” sponsored by the Suffolk Law Forum. It will be held at the C. Walsh Theatre Oct. 25 and 26.

Dershowitz will appear on a panel entitled “Attorneys on Trial: Perceptions of the Legal System.” Other panelists will be Linda Fairstein, chief of the Sex Crimes Prosecution Unit in New York and prosecutor for the “Preppie Murder” case, and Laurie Levenson, a former federal prosecutor and CBS-TV legal analyst. That discussion will be held Oct. 25 at 5 p.m.

The following day, “Hollywood Portrayals of Attorneys through Television and Film,” will be discussed at 5 p.m. and feature William Forde, technical and legal consultant for “Law and Order” and “Presumed Innocent,” Charles Rosenberg, technical and legal consultant for “L.A. Law” and “The Paper Chase,” and Dennis Smith, technical and legal consultant for “Perry Mason Mysteries,” “Jake and the Fatman,” and “Matlock.”

Both programs are open to the public at no charge.
29 Honored at Deans’ Reception for Long-Time Service to University

Twenty-nine Suffolk University employees were honored at the annual Deans’ Reception for long-time service to the institution. They received awards in a ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Library.

A special award was conferred upon Law Prof. Catherine T. Judge for 40 years employment. Prof. Judge started her career in the Law Registrar’s Office in 1955 and joined the faculty in 1966. She received her Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degree from Suffolk and earned her Bachelor of Business degree from Boston University.

Dean John E. Fenton Jr. presented Prof. Judge a gold watch for her dedicated service to Suffolk.

Prof. Judge has taught contracts and equity through most of her career. A no-nonsense diligent teacher, she has been the recipient of the Frederick A. McDermott Award named for the late dean, and the Cornelius J. Moynihan award named for the Superior Court judge, both presented by the Student Bar Association.

She is chair of the Law School Admissions Committee and before serving on the faculty was Law School registrar.

Five faculty were cited for 30 years service and received clocks or Suffolk chairs. They were Blair F. Bigelow of English, Herbert Lemelman of the Law faculty, Maria T. Miliora of Chemistry, Beatrice L. Snow of Biology, and Lee W. Sutherland of Management.

Twenty year employees receiving Suffolk captain’s chairs were Eric D. Blumenson, professor of clinical programs in the Law School; Frances K. Burke, professor of Public Management; College Librarian Edward G. Hamann; Judith A. Holleman, professor of Government; Robert Howe, associate professor of Biology; Paul R. Korn, professor in the Counseling Center; Doris Lewis, chair of Chemistry; Marc C. Perlin, Law professor; David Pfeiffer, chair of Public Management; Martha E. Richmond, professor of Chemistry; Mary Karen T. Rogers, associate director of Career Services in the Law School; and Stephen D. Shatkin, associate professor of Education and Human Services.

Eleven employees received pen and pencil sets for their 10 years service. They were Sandra Bennett, supervisor in Student Activities; Associate English Prof. Gail Coffler; Associate Prof. of Mathematics Edith Cook; Joan Dang, supervisor in Admissions; Law Prof. Steven Ferrey; Gregory Grande of the University Police; Beverly Kahn, associate professor CIS; Melba Leyva Hernandez, secretary in Law School; David Silverstein, chair of Business Law; John S. Sullivan, electrician in Physical Plant; and Anthony Voto, supervisor of the Mailroom.

Deans Fenton, Michael R. Ronayne, and John F. Brennan welcomed the guests at the reception and presented their faculty for awards. Athletic Director Jim Nelson emceed the program which attracted more than 300 faculty and staffers.

S.U. and N.E. School of Design Announce Merger

In a merger announced in August, Suffolk University will assume responsibility for the operation and continuation of all education programs at the New England School of Art and Design.

The merger was announced by President David J. Sargent and William M. Davis, president of NESAD.

Henceforth, NESAD will be known as the New England School of Art and Design at Suffolk University.

“The merger is a natural outgrowth of a long-standing relationship between the two schools,” said Sargent. “Since 1991, Suffolk and New England School of Art and Design have combined forces to offer jointly taught courses leading to a bachelor of fine arts degree. Suffolk students have benefitted from an intensive art and design education from NESAD, while NESAD students have benefitted from a strong liberal arts component from Suffolk.”

NESAD President Davis noted that the four year relationship between the schools has been “tremendously successful.” He said the merger “provides the students, faculty and staff of the school with expanded resources and financial stability and will provide an expanded base for offering instruction in art and design, the basic mission of the school.”

The merger insures the longevity of the relationship. NESAD, founded in 1923, has sold its building at 28 Newbury St. and has leased new quarters at 75 Arlington St., for its 320 students. It has a faculty of 60 full-time and adjunct instructors offering courses in graphic design and interior design and fine arts.
Joe Walsh Appointed Baseball Coach at Harvard University

Suffolk University baseball coach Joe Walsh has accepted the position of head baseball coach at Harvard University, completing a brilliant career at Suffolk.

Walsh, 42, posted a 218-167-1 record in his 14 years coaching baseball here and was named the 1995 New England Division III Coach of the Year by both his local colleagues and the American Baseball Coaches Association after guiding the 1995 Rams to a 26-11 record and the finals of the ECAC Division III Tournament.

A Dorchester native, Walsh was graduated from Catholic Memorial High School and received his bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Suffolk in 1976. In addition to baseball coaching, as associate athletic director he also coached cross country and directed the intramural program. For a number of years, he coached women’s basketball.

“I’m excited and grateful for the opportunity to coach baseball at Harvard,” he said. “Harvard’s program has great tradition and great potential and I’ll dedicate all my efforts to building a winner there.”

He expressed emotions about leaving Suffolk. “It’s a place I’ve always loved and the people with it, especially the kids who played for me, but this is a wonderful career opportunity for me.”

His long-time colleague Athletic Director Jim Nelson acknowledged Walsh’s appointment with “ambivalent emotions” lauding the outgoing coach.

“Joe and I have established a professional and personal relationship over the past 15 years that I consider the envy of most colleagues,” Nelson said. “My pride in his attainment of this prestigious position overshadows his sure to be missed absence for myself and the student athletes of Suffolk University.”

Nelson called Walsh a family man with boundless enthusiasm and commitment.

His many colleagues and friends paid a farewell tribute to Walsh at a reception Oct. 5 at the Ridgeway gymnasium.

Distinguished Prof. Katz Passes Away at 87

Suffolk University Law School was saddened by the Aug. 9 passing of its Distinguished Professor of Law Milton Katz. He died at Beth Israel Hospital after a short illness at the age of 87.

Professor Katz taught at Harvard for 40 years before retiring and joining the Suffolk Law faculty in 1978.

At Harvard he was the Henry L. Stimson Professor of Law.

Internationally renown, he served as director of the Marshall Plan in Europe helping to unify the Armed Forces during World War II. He also served as president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences from 1979 to 1982. He received both his A.B. and J.D. from Harvard.

Professor Katz leaves his wife of 62 years, Vivian (Greenburg) Katz, three sons, John, of Hartsdale, N.Y., Robert of Cambridge and Peter of Newton and five grandchildren. Burial was private and a memorial service was held at Harvard this Fall.
New Faces on Campus

LAW SCHOOL:

Carter G. Bishop, visiting professor for the 1995-96 academic year. Professor of law and founding director of the graduate tax program at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn. Has been visiting professor at University of San Diego, Calif. J.D. with honors from Drake University School of Law and LL.M in taxation from New York University.


Anthony P. Polito, assistant professor. Teaching two courses in anti-trust this semester and contract and state and local tax during the Spring semester. Holds B.A. from M.I.T and J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School. Serves as tax associate for firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York City.

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Robert Allison, assistant professor of history and an associate director of Archives. Holds his Ph.D. in history from Harvard University.

Deirdre Barrett, associate professor of psychology. She'll primarily be associated with the new clinical Ph.D. program. She received a Ph.D in clinical psychology from the University of Tennessee.

Michael Basseches, half-time associate professor of psychology. Holds a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Harvard and will be mostly associated with the clinical Ph.D program.

Jon Bekken, visiting assistant professor of journalism. He received his Ph.D in communications from the University of Illinois.

Melissa Haussman, visiting assistant professor of government. Received her Ph.D in political science from Duke University and is replacing on-leave Judith Holleman.

Thomas Land, half-time assistant professor of psychology. He received his Ph.D in mathematical psychology from The John Hopkins University and he also will be primarily associated with the new clinical Ph.D program.

William O'Brien, visiting assistant professor of economics. He received his Ph.D in economics from Northeastern University and is replacing Dr. Saroj Sawhney.

Ratko Orlandic, assistant professor of computer science. He received his Ph.D in computer science from the University of Virginia and will be primarily associated with the new computer science program.

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT:

Sumer Aggarwal, visiting professor. Holds a B.S. from Agra University in India and a Ph.D from the Moscow Institute. Living in Quincy.


Hakan Polatoglu, visiting assistant. He has degrees from Bogazici University and Bilkent University in Turkey Yrne A. Weikart, associate professor. Has a B.A. from Case Western Reserve, and an M.A. and Ph.D from Columbia University. Lives in Jamaica Plain.

Lisa Zingaro, visiting assistant professor. Has a B.A. from Tulane University as well as an M.B.A. and is a Ph.D candidate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Lives in Arlington.

Calendar of Events:

October

14 - Cross Country Regis College Invitational 11 a.m. Varsity Soccer at Mass. Maritime Academy 12 noon, Annual Deans' Reception and Service Awards JFK Library 6 to 10 p.m.

16- Varsity Golf Little Four Tournament Marshfield Country Club 1 p.m. Graduate Information Session One Beacon St. 5:30 to 7 p.m.

17 - Women's Varsity Tennis at Lesley College 3 p.m. Parent Orientation Sawyer Cafeteria 6 to 8 p.m.

19 - Undergraduate Professional Links for University Students luncheon Blue Cross/Blue Shield Offices 100 Summer St. 12 to 2 p.m. Varsity Soccer vs. Anna Maria College Home 3:30 p.m.

21- Women's Varsity Tennis at St. Joseph's College 1 p.m. Varsity Soccer at Wheaton College 2 p.m.

22- Men's Cross Country at Stonehill College 1 p.m. Undergraduate Admissions Open House C. Walsh Theatre 1 to 3:30 p.m.

23 - Women's Varsity Tennis vs. Eastern Nazarene College at Charles River Park Tennis Club 2 p.m.

25- Student Service Directors Meeting Ridgeway 207 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Varsity Soccer at Tufts University 3 p.m.

26- Mary Daly on "ReCalling the Outrageous Contagious Courage of Women" C. Walsh Theatre 1 to 2:30 p.m. Women's Varsity Tennis at Wentworth College 3 p.m.
Carole Dine, English. She was awarded a $500 grant from the Money for Women/Barbara Deming Memorial Fund, N.Y.C., for her poetry manuscript, "In Remission."

Gail Coffler, English. She delivered a 45-minute lecture on Herman Melville at a symposium on Sept. 30 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. The symposium was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her talk was entitled "Creating the Divine: What Melville Learned from Ancient Art" and was given at the Spencer Museum of Art featuring artworks inspired by Melville's masterpiece, Moby-Dick. Charles E. Rounds Jr., Law faculty. His article on social security in the Law School's Advocate led to the Detroit News quoting from it in a column on Social Security and Social Security's Board of Trustees report.

Shahruz Mohtadi, Economics. He presented a paper "Has the United Nations United the Nations?" at the annual meeting of the Association for Bahá'í Studies in San Francisco this month.

David Pfeiffer, Public Management. He is the new editor of The Disability Studies Quarterly, which emanates from Suffolk University and Brandeis University.

Alexandra Todd, Sociology. Her article, "Big Guns and Gentle Healers: Combining Eastern and Western Remedies for Coping with Cancer," was carried in the electronic journal Aesclepiad Chronicle in the World Wide Web.


Personnel:

TIAA-CREF Offer New Account

TIAA-CREF is offering another new account - the TIAA Real Estate Account. The account, which became effective Oct. 1, is an investment option under TIAA, but it will operate more like a CREF account in that it is a variable annuity account without the traditional TIAA guarantees and with the transfer flexibility of CREF.

According to Toni Tinberg of Human Resources, the account enables participants to become commercial real estate investors, which most individuals cannot do on their own. The account will take a conservative approach in developing the initial portfolio, but real estate investing does present some well-known risks.

"The TIAA Real Estate Account began accepting allocations and transfers on Oct. 1," Tinberg said. "Participants may immediately transfer between the Real Estate Account and any CREF, Fidelity or UNUM account and make immediate transfers to the TIAA traditional annuity. Transfers from the TIAA traditional annuity to the new account are subject to the 10-year transfer payment annuity."

Tinberg said that one may use TIAA-CREF's toll-free telephone system to change allocations, transfer to an from this account and received daily unit-value updates and personal accumulation. Detailed information may be released only to those with a current Real Estate Account prospectus. Call Toni Tinberg at x8415 for more information.
POTPOURRI
By Lou Connelly

At 84 years of age she is still the reigning Miss Suffolk and that was never more evident than the night of the Sept. 23 Law School classes reunion. Class of 1950 President Larry O’Donnell had a limo pick up Dottie McNamara at her Emerson place apartment and bring her to the Copley Marriott. There she joined the table of O’Donnell, wife, Patricia, Retired Judge Larry Cameron, Dean John E. Fenton Jr. and wife Theresa, Al DeStefano and wife, Jean, Judge Robert V. Mulkern and Mrs. Simone Mulkern, and Michael and Helen Sandorso. Miss Mac received a big ovation from the 300 alums and guests as O’Donnell announced a $5000 gift from the Class of ’50 to the Dorothy McNamara Scholarship Fund. It was a fitting tribute to the former Suffolk alumni director and University bursar who helped so many post World War II vets through school so long ago. Dottie and sister, Evelyn Reilly, a former presidential secretary at Suffolk, have made their home in the West End for a number of years.

The dedication of the Frank Sawyer School of Management was marked by some lively swing music by a trio that rekindled some tunes from the 20s and 30s that Frank Sawyer had enjoyed. Director of Public Affairs Rosemarie Sansone, who coordinated the dedication, expresses her thanks to Suffolk Police Capt. John Pagliarulo, Physical Plant Director John Collins, the Media Services Staff, the Boston and State Police and the Boston Transportation Department.

Best wishes for continued success for Pat Yates, who has concluded nine years as associate director for cooperative programs to become director of student career services at the University of Mass. at Lowell...

Kristen Z. White of Development has issued a call for students interested in paid positions for the annual phonathon. Volunteer staff are also needed. Call Alicia Savannah at X8514 for further info...

Nancy Stoll, Dean of Students, has welcomed a new director of health services. She’s Thelma Lake, who brings more than 20 years of clinical and administrative experience to Suffolk, most recently at Northeastern University. She succeeds Margaret Fitzgerald, who has asked for a part-time role as associate director and nurse practitioner. Virginia Hines, physician assistant, will continue that role, also serving in a part-time capacity. In other staff news, Eileen “Beth” Ross has been appointed assistant college registrar to succeed Phyllis Addario, who recently retired after 17 years at the University. Ross has been serving as office coordinator, and Peter McQuaid has been promoted to director of cooperative education after six years at Suffolk, and Betsy McDowell has been elevated to associate director of career services after five years service...

Registrar Office staffer Kelly Armao will wed Don DeLuca of Billerica on Oct. 28 at St. Mary’s Church, Chelmsford...

The fifth annual Student Services Recognition Dinner at Pier Four honored five: Jeannette Hixon of Student Activities for her work on the Wellness Fair; Lou Pellegrino of Student Activities for development of the Leadership for Life Series; Paul Tanklefsky for outstanding contribution to the University, and special recognition awards for Paul Fahey and Mary Sbuttoni of the Dean of Students Office...

Maureen Brown of the University Police graduated with top honors, receiving the Most Physical Fitness Award at last August’s Campus Police Academy graduation. Officers Kevin Colannino and Kathy LaVita have joined the Revere Police Department. Officer Lee Romprey has completed the requirements for his bachelor of science degree...

Bob Johnson of English and wife, Pat, spend 12 sunny days in Ireland during the summer, four of them delightful days in Dublin...

Congratulations to Sharon Artis Jackson and husband, Christopher, who welcomed a son, Jonathan Christopher, in June. The family is now settled in their new home in Randolph...

Nice to hear that former Suffolk Presidential Assistant Nat Caliendo, vice president of public affairs at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, N.J., was awarded the arts and science award at the Italian-American Hall of Fame’s 21st annual awards dinner in Atlantic City, N.J. Sympothis month to staffers Anthony Voto and his sister Catherine Voto, on the death of their mother Ursula Voto of Winthrop, and Mary Burke, assistant professor of government, on the passing of her father, Edward Burke of Brighton and South Boston, and to government professor John Berg on the death of his mother Mary D. Berg...

The Development Department has welcomed two new administrators, Carol J. Rosner, executive director of development and alumni relations, who comes to us from Harvard where she was director of leadership gifts, and Phoebe H. O’Mara, manager of donor relations, who was a senior development officer at Boston University...

The University has just opened its Madrid campus in Spain. The new facility enables Spanish students and others from throughout Europe to receive a Suffolk education. Dean of Enrollment Management Marguerite J. Dennis notes that Suffolk has been actively recruiting in Spain for more than four years and that the University presently enrolls some 420 students from more than 80 countries on our Beacon Hill campus...

The District I CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) has released its “heavy hitter” scores from the 1994-95 conference in Providence and Suffolk’s Director of Media Services Midge Wilcke was among them. Midge gave a talk on producing in house video tapes...

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Career Net, ’95, Career Services and Cooperative Education’s annual festival of career related events and seminars will held Oct. 31-Nov. 9, Paul Tanklefsky reminds us...

Retired Superior Court Justice Robert J. Hallisey of Framingham, who is an adjunct professor in the Law School, is the first judge in Massachusetts to receive a master of judicial studies degree. Now of counsel at Bingham, Dana & Gould, Judge Hallisey was awarded the degree in May from the University of Nevada Reno in conjunction with the National Judicial College...

It’s nice to see Associate CLAS Dean Dave Robbins back on campus after a stay at Mass. General Hospital for sinus problems. Robbins, a diligent worker, notably on Suffolk’s overseas programs, is the author of Suffolk University’s history, Opportunity’s Open Door...

Bill Coughlin just isn’t the retiring kind. He’s been lending his recruitment and interviewing talents to Admissions a couple of days a week this fall...

Jim Nelson, Suffolk’s long-time basketball coach is taking a year’s sabbatical from coaching this winter to serve as chair of the Northeast regional committee for the NCAA Division 3 Men’s Basketball Committee. He’s one of eight individuals from throughout the nation selected. His assistant, Dennis McHugh, a long-time Boston school teacher and former Malden Catholic Coach, will spell Nelson...

Another sports note. Suffolk’s all-time leading ice hockey scorer Brian Horan, has been named assistant coach to head mentor Bill Burns...

See you for late foliage on Loon Mountain...

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S.U. Kicks Off Charitable Giving Campaign

Suffolk University kicked off its Charitable Giving Campaign on Oct. 11 in the Vice President’s Conference Room at One Beacon St. Solicitation presentations were made by representatives from Oxfam America, Community Works and the United Way.

Faculty and staff are urged to be looking for pledge packets in campus mail for more information. The goal for this year’s campaign is $28,000.

Never Too Early to Think About Retirement
By Toni Tinberg

How often do you think about planning for retirement? Not frequently, we’d guess.

Here are a few other questions to ponder: Do you know how much to save for retirement? How to you know how much you’ll need? Can you save too much? Can you ignore the whole topic until you’re older and it seems more relevant?

By choosing whether or not to participate in the University’s standard retirement plan or the voluntary tax deferred annuity plan and choosing the level of your participation, you are directly impacting your quality of life and retirement.

What’s more, the traditional belief that mere participation in a retirement plan will allow for a successful retirement no longer holds true. Suffolk’s defined contribution plan requires a fixed level of contribution, but pays a retirement benefit which is determined by the performance of your investments.

In our plan, you select your investments and are responsible for deciding whether their performance is adequate for you. But study after study shows that the investment decisions made by employees tend to be more conservative than those made in traditional pension plan investments. And these conservative choices usually produce lower rates of return.

So what do you do? We’re hoping you will watch this new bi-monthly column for broad information about investment allocation options, life-stage investing, and determining how much to save now. If you have topics you’d like discussed, please forward them to Toni Tinberg in Human Resources or call that office at Extension 8415 to schedule an on-campus private appointment with a counselor from either TIAA-CREF or Fidelity or both. Appointments are available on Oct. 18 and we are planning dates for Spring visits.

If you aren’t participating in our retirement plan, consider starting. (Ed. Note. We are pleased to be able to carry Toni Tinberg’s column on retirement and investment each issue and hope you will find it helpful.)

YMCA Benefits Available to HCHP or Pilgrim Health Members

During the summer, the Harvard Community Health Plan announced a new affiliation with YMCAs throughout the area. What may be less clear to Suffolk employees is that this benefit is also available in either Pilgrim Health Care plan offered through the University.

The program makes a broad range of YMCA services available at substantial savings to all HCHP and Pilgrim Health members.*