Board of Trustees Adds Five New Members
By Bob Israel

The Suffolk University Board of Trustees has added five new members, three of them Suffolk University alumni, to the school's governing body. The Board also named a new chairman, William J. O'Neill, Jr, who succeeds life trustee, James F. Linnehan. Elected on November 1 were: Gerard F. Doherty, Dennis M. Duggan, Jr, Leonard Florence, U.S. Rep. J. Joseph Moakley, and Elaine Schuster. The new trustees will be sworn in at a meeting of the Board on February 7, 1997.

Gerard F. Doherty is a 1960 graduate of Suffolk Law School. He is a practicing attorney specializing in real estate law and development, corporate law, and tax law. A former Massachusetts state legislator and former chairman of the Democratic State Committee, he has played a prominent role in local and national political affairs, having served as a campaign manager and close adviser to Sen. Edward Kennedy, the late Sen. Robert Kennedy and others. Doherty has been active in many alumni committees at Suffolk and numerous community organizations.

Dennis M. Duggan, Jr., is a 1978 graduate of Suffolk Law School. He is a partner in the law firm of Peabody and Brown and was recently re-elected to the

Diversity Homecoming
By Sharon Artis-Jackson

In conjunction with the 90th anniversary, an evening of festivities entitled “Homecoming: A Celebration of Diversity at Suffolk University” was held on November 8. President David Sargent greeted the campus community and alumni at an opening reception. After the reception, students and alumni attended a series of special club meetings in which they discussed ways to work together more effectively. The goal of these meetings is to increase cultural diversity on campus.

The highlight of the evening was a dinner which featured multiethnic cuisine and entertainment by the African dance troupe Dibinga, Chinese storyteller Li Min Mo and Latin American music group Inca Son. The dinner included an awards ceremony to honor two graduates for outstanding professional achievement and contributions to enhancing cultural diversity at Suffolk.

Nique Fajors, BSBA '89, was named outstanding alumnus of the year. Fajors, a CIS major during his Suffolk years, was introduced by CIS department chair Warren Briggs. Fajors, executive vice president of New York-based Digital Telemedia, received his MBA from Harvard Business School.

The award recipient for outstanding alumna of the year was Andrea Spears, BA '88, JD '93. Spears was introduced by CLAS Dean Michael Ronayne. Spears, who previously was assistant director of undergraduate admission at Suffolk and pardon coordinator for the Massachusetts Advisory Board of Pardons, is currently the Employee Relations Manager for the city of Cambridge.
Kuwaiti Experts Commend Suffolk

Suffolk University's Center for International Education sponsored a seminar on October 30 titled, "Kuwait at the Crossroads." Two Kuwaiti experts spoke at the seminar before an audience of 150 people in the Great Hall of the Massachusetts State House. They commended Suffolk University for assisting in the current effort to restore the Arab nation. Participants included members of the Boston area diplomatic corps, the chief of the Kuwaiti desk at the U.S. State Department and representatives from local international business and trade organizations.

"Saddam Hussein's attacks on Kuwait during the Persian Gulf War left deep scars," said Dr. Basheer Al-Rashidi, chairman of the Social Development Office in Kuwait. "We are busily working to heal our people and to rebuild our government and society."

Dr. Al-Rashidi commented that graduate courses taught by visiting Suffolk University Psychology, Education, and Human Services faculty in Kuwait since 1993 have helped the nation and its people effectively cope with the devastation, enabling them to look toward the future with hope.

He stressed that "Suffolk University has been a pioneer in helping the Kuwaiti people deal with the aftermath of the Gulf War. With Suffolk's help we are attempting to fulfill three goals, namely: screening, treatment and rehabilitation for individuals, families and the greater Kuwaiti society."

Mr. Saad Al-Barrak, managing director and general manager of International Turnkey Systems in Kuwait, spoke about the business climate in Kuwait.

"The future looks bright," said Al-Barrak. "A new economy is taking shape. Kuwait has always been a nation that has utilized the few resources we possess, and we are finding by returning to the things we do best--exports, imports, oil production--we will add value to our economic status. As we recover from the Gulf War, we intend to prosper, to improve our business potential, and to contribute to the global economy."

There are presently 700 international students enrolled at the University from over 80 countries, including 34 students from Kuwait.

New Members

firm's executive committee. He is a former three-term president of the Suffolk University Law School Alumni Association and recently completed a three-year term as an alumni-trustee on the University's Board of Trustees.

Congressman J. Joseph Moakley is a 1956 graduate of Suffolk Law School. He received an Alumni Fellows Award in 1973 and was awarded an honorary doctor of public administration in 1977. Moakley has served since 1972 as a representative of the 9th District of Massachusetts in Congress, where he has been chairman of the House Rules Committee and has headed a special task force known as the "Moakley Commission" to investigate abuses of human rights in El Salvador. He was re-elected to Congress in November.

Elaine M. Schuster is co-director, with her husband Gerald, of Continental Wingate Company in Boston. She serves as a trustee for a number of cultural and educational organizations, including the Wang Center for the Performing Arts and Massachusetts Cultural Council, and is a director of the Boston Public Library. Active in political affairs locally and nationally, she currently serves as chairperson of the finance committee for Sen. John Kerry and has been a fundraiser for President Clinton's 1992 and 1996 campaigns.

Leonard Florence is the founder, president and chairman of the board of Syratech Corporation. He is a 1954 graduate of Boston University, where he received his BBA. He had a long association with the Raimond Silver Co., eventually becoming its president. In 1967, he sold the company and founded Leonard Silver and in 1986, he purchased Syroco. As part of his work in the community he serves on the boards of directors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Soldiers Home in Chelsea and the Cardinal Cushing School and Training for Children of All Faiths in Hanover, Massachusetts.
New Director of Facilities Planning

In September, Joseph Kennedy joined the Suffolk community as the director of facilities planning. Kennedy will be managing the construction of the new Law School building at 110 Tremont Street, which will begin next summer. In addition, he will be coordinating a ten-year facilities growth plan for the University.

Kennedy, a graduate of St. John’s University, has over twenty years of experience in project development. Most recently, he served as the vice president of design and construction in the Boston office of JMB/Urban Development Company, headquartered in Chicago. In his role at JMB, Kennedy was the on-site demolition manager for the building at 110-120 Tremont Street.

Lech Walesa Speaks
By Bob Israel

On October 20, Lech Walesa, former president of the Republic of Poland and 1983 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, addressed a public forum at Faneuil Hall in Boston sponsored by the MBA Association of Suffolk University. His speech touched upon several themes—the role of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the economy of the European Union, the role of the United States in the 21st century, and the need for a universal application of values.

Ladislav Lesanek, former president of the MBA Association, offered introductory remarks. Dean of the Sawyer School of Management, John F. Brennan, introduced President Walesa and welcomed him to historic Faneuil Hall.

“It is appropriate that you are here in this place, the cradle of liberty,” Dean Brennan said. “It recalls a time in our history, when we, too, lived under a tyrant and under oppression, which gave rise to our hard-won freedoms.”

Walesa urged U.S. intervention to help his country’s unstable economy.

“We would have low unemployment if your American generals would visit Poland—General Motors and General Electric,” said Walesa through an interpreter, exhibiting his characteristic wit, warmth and wisdom.

Walesa called for a strengthening of NATO security forces and for the evolution of what he termed “the United States of Europe,” a vision of democracy that would inspire “all people and especially young people who have not yet been tarnished by life.”

Walesa made an impassioned plea for the return of basic humanistic and religious values to daily and political life.

“If it weren’t for my faith in God,” Walesa said, “I wouldn’t be here today.”

The MBA Association Leadership Award was conferred upon President Walesa following a brief question and answer session with the audience.

Phonathon Update

The 1996 Fall Phonathon is off to an excellent start. The goal for this fiscal year is $300,000 by June 30, 1997. By mid-November, the Phonathon had generated over $243,000 in pledges from 3,800 donors. According to Dawn DeMattos, associate director of development, this represents a significant increase over the total raised at this time last year.

This impressive achievement is due in large part to the many faculty, staff and administrators who made gifts and pledged their support this year. Without their support, Suffolk University’s mission of providing a quality education at an affordable cost would be impossible.

If you have not already pledged your support, you may still make a commitment by contacting the Development office at ext. 8443.

Family Weekend
By Jeannette Hixon

The Student Activities office coordinated yet another successful Family Weekend on November 1-3. The University welcomed over 200 people to campus. The program was kicked off with an evening of jazz performed by local artist Semnya McCord on Friday night.

Saturday was filled with various workshops presented by Suffolk faculty and administrators. Later on that evening, family and friends were hosted to a pre-dinner reception at which they were joined by President David Sargent, Dean of Students Nancy Stoll and members of the four classes. The evening concluded with an old fashioned New England Open House in the Ridgeway Gym, where families participated in pie eating contests and several other games and activities.

The weekend concluded with an ecumenical service by Reverend Charles Rice on Sunday morning followed by brunch on the Spirit of Boston. Student Activities wishes a special thank you to all who helped plan and sponsor the weekend and to all of the volunteers and presenters.
Lowell Lecture Series Kick-Off

On October 2, the Lowell Lecture Committee at Suffolk University hosted Dr. Cornel West, distinguished author, professor and lecturer, to speak in the series “Stemming the Tide of Violence in the United States and Beyond.” Dr. West’s talk, entitled “Race Matters” after his award winning book, drew a capacity crowd to the C. Walsh Theatre. For over an hour, he riveted the audience with his perspectives on race and violence in America. Judging from audience members’ enthusiastic reaction during the lecture, the question and answer session and the reception, the event was a huge success.

Each year the Office of the President presents the Lowell Lecture Series designed to bring notable speakers to the Suffolk community. The Lowell Lecture Committee, chaired by Sharon Artis-Jackson, consists of Frances Burke, Public Management; Heather Clark, UMS; Jack Demick, Psychology; Bob Israel, Public Affairs; Peter McQuaid, Cooperative Education; and Charles Rice, Religious Life. These lectures are funded by a grant from the Lowell Institute and are open to the public.

CLAS Authors Honored

Dean Michael Ronayne hosted a reception on November 6 in recognition of the many College of Liberal Arts & Sciences faculty who have recently published their work. The reception was attended by dozens of faculty, staff and administrators, including President Sargent and Vice Presidents Dennis and Flannery. President Sargent commented on how fortunate we are at Suffolk to have such a dedicated faculty, who in addition to their academic duties, find time to honor Suffolk with their scholarly work.

The publications list was compiled by history Professor Ken Greenberg, who made the point that the number of works published by the faculty this year was truly astounding.

Those honored at the reception were: Robert Allison, Deidre Barrett, John Berg, Krisanne Bursik, Anne Camissa, H. Edward Clarke, Jack Demick, Rosemarie DiBiase, Kenneth Greenberg, Robert Johnson, Celeste Kostopoulos-Cooperman, Frederick Marchant, Bernice Martin, David Robbins, Susan Thayer, Alexandra Todd, Lauri Umansky, Margaret Collins Weitz, and Da Zheng. All of the works will be available for review at the Sawyer library and will be available for purchase at the bookstore. The publications have recently been shown in the display case at the Sawyer lobby.

Hangin’ 10

Career Surfing ’96, Career Services and Cooperative Education’s two week long festival of programs and events was held October 28-November 8. The program was designed to heighten career awareness and job readiness among the students. Over 500 students and alumni participated in the eighteen sponsored events.

Highlights included Job Market Mania, a spirited game show competition between Beta Alpha Psi and the Student Government Association, hosted by Gary Wallace of co-op ed; a workshop on surfing the job net; and the MBA/MSF CEO luncheon with John Drew, president of the World Trade Center of Boston. Career caricatures were also a big hit, even the Career Services staff joined in the fun.
On Retirement
By Toni Tinberg

Several prior columns have discussed the importance of diversifying your retirement savings and paying some attention to asset allocation. The importance of these two concepts cannot be stressed enough. Your income in retirement will be determined directly by your contributions and the "return" you have been able to get on those contributions, or your investment performance.

Charts provided by TIAA-CREF and Fidelity dramatically underscore these concepts. A 35 year old who is able to invest $500 a year each year until age 65 will have contributed $15,000 over her working career. With a return of 6% on that investment, our hypothetical Suffolk employee would have $41,855 in her retirement account. Had that same person been able to earn an 8% return, that $15,000 investment would have grown to $62,098. With a 10% return on her investment, our Suffolk employee's account balance would grow to $94,187 by her 65th birthday.

Generally, in order to obtain higher returns on an investment, we need to take more risk — often by investing in stock funds. However, because the stock market fluctuates, stock-based investments may need to be balanced by more predictable investments with more stable returns (for example, fixed annuities and bond funds). Selecting a variety of investments reduces your risk without jeopardizing your potential return. In fact, you are more likely to increase your overall return when you diversify, because some of your investments will perform better when others are performing less well. (Maybe that's why Mom recommended not putting all of your eggs in one basket.)

The appropriate investment mix for you may vary based upon how much time you have until retirement, other savings or investments you own, or even your comfort level with risk. But, these considerations change over time. At least once a year, you should look at your investment selections — your fund choices within Suffolk's retirement plan — and decide whether you are getting the return you would like.

To review your investment selections, please call me in the Human Resources Office at extension 8418.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the University's health and dental plans and the Flexible Reimbursement Accounts will take place from November 25 through December 20, 1996, for plan membership effective January 1, 1997. Your current health and dental insurance coverage will remain in effect unless you return a new enrollment form to the Human Resources Office. If you wish to change or drop your existing coverage, please write and sign a memo to that effect and forward it to Human Resources. Enrollment in a Medical and/or Dependent Care Flexible Reimbursement Account is not automatic. Even if you have an account for 1996, you must complete a new enrollment form for 1997.

Descriptive literature and enrollment forms are available at the Human Resources bulletin boards throughout campus, or by calling extension 8415.

Remember, we must receive your enrollment forms by December 20th.

Charitable Giving Campaign

The 1996 Suffolk University Employee Charitable Giving Campaign ended sweetly with an ice cream social co-sponsored by the University Social Committee and Human Resources. Guests at the November 14 social saw President Sargent, Vice Presidents Flannery and Dennis, Deans Fenton, Stoll, Ericson, Atherton and Sartwell, and Director of Athletics Jim Nelson rolling up their sleeves for the benefit of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Community Works, Oxfam America and the Environmental Federation of New England.

Three members of our faculty were the lucky winners of donor incentives. Bob Rosenthal of Communications and Journalism won a $100 gift certificate to the Suffolk Bookstore. Gail Coffler of the English Department won a dinner at the Ritz-Carlton and Catherine Judge of the Law School won an overnight stay at the Four Seasons. Pledges of $75, $100, or $125 a year qualified for the awards.

To date, the campaign has raised just over $20,000 for these worthy causes. Contributions to the campaign will be accepted by Human Resources until the end of December. Payroll deductions will start with the first January paycheck.
Gail Sergenian, assistant professor, Accounting. She has been asked to be the faculty advisor for the Greater Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). NABA is an association dedicated to attracting minority students to careers in accounting and mentoring, supporting and assisting these students as they progress through their programs and careers. Four of the five officers of the chapter are from Suffolk. Suffolk hosted a membership drive meeting on October 25, attended by approximately 75 professional members and interested students from throughout the Boston area.

John J. Nolan, professor, Law School. He participated in the Regulations Roundtable held at the Gardner Auditorium for representatives from all State agencies last June. This forum initiated the Governor’s effort to overhaul Massachusetts regulatory practice. Professor Nolan discussed basic administrative law concepts and the interfacing of federal and state regulatory law.

Dan Stefanescu, professor, Mathematics and Computer Science. He presented his paper “Bulk Synchronous Processing” for the 28th International Hawaii Conference of System Sciences. Research by Dr. Stefanescu and his colleagues from Harvard and Oxford Universities is featured in “Parallel Processing in Bulk”, Byte Magazine (November 1996).

David Silverstein, professor, Business Law. He co-authored an article entitled “Reconsidering the Constitutionality of Statutory Delegation of Authority to Private Automobile Insurers to Assess Surcharges Under a Merit Rating System” for Business Law Review.

Margaret Collins Weitz, professor, Humanities and Modern Languages. She spoke at the French Embassy in Washington on October 10 about her recently published book Sisters in the Resistance: How Women Fought to Free France, 1940-1945. The following day she addressed faculty and students at the University of Maryland. Her lengthy introduction to Outwitting the Gestapo appears in translation in the German edition recently published by C. Beck, Munich.

Michael Rustad, professor, Law School. He was the keynote speaker at the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association in Hartford on October 23, where he spoke on tort reform. On October 25, he was a keynote speaker at the ABA/University of Wisconsin National Conference on Punitive Damages.

Charles Kindregan, professor, Law School. His new four volume second edition of Family Law Practice and Procedure was published this fall by West Publishing Company. The work was co-authored by Boston College adjunct Professor Monroe Inker. He also authored a book for judges titled Cutting Edge Issues in Family Law, which was used as the course book for a retreat of Massachusetts Family Court judges taught by Professor Kindregan on November 7.

Fred Marchant, professor, English. He co-taught a month-long seminar on the history and literature of the Vietnam War in July and August at the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences at UMass-Boston. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the seminar was attended by high school teachers from the Southern New England region.

Nancy Stoll, dean of students. She served on the New England Association accreditation team to Roger Williams College in Rhode Island. She was also a featured panelist at the fall conference of the Massachusetts Association of Women in Education with the theme “The State of the Nation of Women in Higher Education.”

Kathleen Trehon, director of undergraduate admission. She assumed the office of president of the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers at their November annual meeting. Kathleen oversaw the conference held in Newport, RI, November 6-8, at which over 350 registrars and admission officers participated. She will be offering a presentation at the Middle States Association conference in December on developing a team of student admission ambassadors.
Robert Wasson, professor, Law School. He was selected by Community Unity Boston as one of the academic panelists at a conference held in Boston on November 23. Community Unity is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to creating a dialogue on reconciliation for gay, lesbian and bi-sexual African-Americans. He has also been selected as a member of the Board of Directors for the Multi-Cultural AIDS Coalition, Project Achieve. Project Achieve is a program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health to develop an effective AIDS vaccine and protocols for implementing same.

Paul Tanklefsky, director of career services. He published his first weekly Boston Herald column on career issues. Paul’s column, called “Work in the Hub”, will appear every Monday on the front page of the Herald’s Career section.

In-Mee Baek, assistant professor, Economics. She presented a paper entitled “Foreign Exchange Rates and Japanese Foreign Direct Investment in Asia” at the Southern Economics Association Conference held in Washington D.C. on November 22-25.

Cheryl Conner, assistant director, Law School Internship Program. She was a speaker on the topic “Lawyering as Aggression: Buddhist Antidotes” on a panel at the annual convention of the International Association of Holistic Lawyers. The panel was entitled “Lessons for Lawyering from the Non-Violent Traditions” chaired by Howard University Law School Professor Madeline Squiers.

Potpourri
By Kimberly Hall

Everyone is getting into the charity of the holiday season. On October 8, fifty Suffolk employees joined the fight against breast cancer by walking in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, a five-mile pledge walk in Boston. The Suffolk contingent raised thousands of dollars in pledges and was coordinated by Jean Neenan and Laurie Ivester of Alumni Relations. There were several departments represented including Development, MIS, Human Resources, Switchboard, Law School, SSOM, and Financial Aid. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to seeing more of you next year.

Congratulations to Meg White, co-op coordinator in Career Services/Co-op Ed. Despite torrential rains, Meg maintained her positive disposition while spending four days as part of the set-up crew for the Boston-NY AIDS Ride. The ride attracted over 3,000 cyclists and thousands of fund-raising dollars...

Believe it or not, there is only one birth to report at the time we go to press (undoubtedly, the February issue will be overflowing)!

Mary Haynes, from undergraduate admission, gave birth to her daughter, Caroline Catherine on October 22. Caroline weighed in at a healthy 8lbs., 5oz. Both mother and child are reportedly doing well...

The Accounting Department recently participated for the first time in the annual CPA and Business Expo ’96 on November 11 and 12.

Hrishe Chakkalath, coordinator of graduate programs for accounting and taxation, reported that a number of Suffolk alumni visited the exhibition booth. Prospective students were able to hear firsthand from alumni about the high caliber of education they received at Suffolk. The Accounting Department would like to extend its thanks to Enrollment and Retention Management, the SSOM Deans’ Office, UMS and Graduate Admission for their encouragement and support...

“Wanted that mountain bike!” These words were heard continuously by the Human Resources staff over the course of several weeks. The mountain bike, proudly displayed in the H.R. office, was donated by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care as the grand prize in the Benefits Fair raffle held on October 8. Over 150 employees strolled through the CMD Conference Room during the three-hour event. Employees were treated to giveaways by dozens of benefits vendors as well as makeovers, color analyses and massages.

Toni Tinberg coordinated the fair with the assistance of the entire H.R. staff. By the way, we’ll be watching for Jackie Parker, Office of the President, riding her new mountain bike around Beacon Hill...

There are still tickets available for Rent, Jonathan Larson’s Tony-winning musical. The available seats are for Thursday, January 9, 1997 at the Shubert Theater. Tickets may be purchased for $68.50 each by contacting the Alumni Relations office...

Best wishes from the Suffolk community go out to Mariann Mulchaly, Chemistry Department. Mariann is reportedly doing well at home while recovering from a recent illness. Cards and letters may be sent to her home in Methuen or will be forwarded to her by the Chemistry Department...

Visitors to One Beacon Street on November 21 wondered who the two men were in the Vice Presidents’ Conference Room in the Winnie the Pooh and Bullwinkle slippers! They were the IDEA GUYS—Don Crane and Bill McDonough—invited to Suffolk as part of a staff development program. They were working with a group of administrators to help them “Profit from Their Creativity”...
Potpourri

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Speaking of cartoon characters, MaryBeth Langenbrunner, human resources assistant, and her fiance, Sean Kegelman, made an appearance as clowns in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Gotta love that fifteen minutes of fame...

Finally, on a serious note, seven members of the Suffolk community, including Paul Korn, Counseling Center, Rose Wright, Ballotti Learning Center, and Charles Rice, Religious Life, comprised the University's delegation to the annual Fall Conference of the Society Organized Against Racism in Higher Education (SOAR). The focus of the conference, held at Dartmouth College on November 1-2, was: The Challenges of Diversity: From Talkin' the Talk to Walkin' the Walk. Suffolk has been an active member of SOAR since 1985. Support for students' attendance was provided by President David Sargent and the Office of Religious Life. Paul Korn, president of SOAR, offered welcoming remarks to over 300 attendees...

Once again, thank you to those who contributed to this issue. I wish you all the happiest and healthiest of holiday seasons! •

Yesteryear

Julian Bond and Suffolk University President John Fenton before Bond addressed the students in December, 1969. An activist in the civil rights movement, Bond had been publicity director for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He was denied his seat in the Georgia legislature for his opposition to the Vietnam war. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the legislature could bar him from serving because of his opinions. (Bond continued to be an outspoken public figure. He was defeated for Congress by John Lewis, a co-founder of SNCC, in 1986. Bond narrated the PBS series "Eyes on the Prize." )

(Each issue of The SUN will dig into the past for some photographic Suffolk memorabilia. If you have an historic or memorable photo send it to us at One Beacon Street.)