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## Topping Off Ceremony By Donald Martelli



Over 200 members of the Suffolk University community gathered on a chilly December day for the Topping Off Ceremony of the new Law School building.

The event, which symbolized the structural completion of the building, was a success, said Rosemarie E. Sansone, director of the Office of Public Affairs.

"You could just feel the enthusiasm," Sansone said. "Everyone involved was proud to be part of such a great event. It really showed the construction workers that the Suffolk community is thankful for their efforts." Traditionally, the ceremony is held to honor the hard work and dedication of the construction workers.

Among the distinguished guests in attendance were Congressman Joseph Moakley and President David Sargent, shown in the photo above. The final beam was painted white and adorned with a pine tree and an American Flag - two Topping Off traditions.

Those in attendance signed the beam, enjoyed a warm cup of hot chocolate and waited as the workers prepared the beam for its final destination - high above Tremont Street. As it was being lifted, everyone watched in awe, applauding as it made its way to the top, ending the ceremony. \*

## Student Records On-Line

CLAS and SSOM students will be able to access their academic records via the World Wide Web beginning in the 1998 spring term. Secure access to student records will be available with the use of each student's ID number and Personal Identification Number (PIN.) PINs will be assigned and distributed by the Registrar's Office to students' home addresses.

Use of the system will allow students with Web access to view their course schedules, grades, tuition balance and financial aid package. The goal of this system is to serve the students better by providing them with the information they

need on the World Wide Web. This system will also decrease waiting lines in the registrar, financial aid and student accounts offices.

Long-range plans for the system include course registration and admission applications on-line. Registration via the Web will be tested on graduate students during the summer term. In the future, MIS also hopes to provide faculty access to advisee records and class rosters. Eventually, the faculty will be able to submit student grades on the system using the Web. Watch your mail for further developments! \*

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## New Safety Officer Appointed

John Lee has been appointed the University's Safety Officer. John brings over ten years of experience in the field of environmental health and safety to Suffolk. He holds a BS in Chemistry-Geology from Bridgewater State College and an MS in Environmental Studies from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.



Prior to his appointment at Suffolk, John was the regulatory coordinator with the Environmental Health and Safety Center at W.R. Grace & Company. He has also served as campus safety officer at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

In his short tenure, John has already set several goals for the Safety Office. He would like to implement standardized training for all Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required training in topics ranging from hearing protection to chemical hazards in the

workplace. Waste minimization is also a priority as part of the State of Massachusetts Toxic Use Reduction program (TURA.) Under this plan, hazardous chemicals used in the science labs will be reduced or eliminated and replaced with less hazardous materials. Finally, he hopes to re-introduce the Suffolk University recycling program for white paper.

If you have issues or questions related to environmental health and safety, please call John at ext. 8628. \*

## Director of Undergraduate Admission Named

Kathleen Lynch, formerly associate director of undergraduate admission, has been promoted to director of undergraduate admission. Kathy originally joined Suffolk in 1996. Previously, she had been the assistant director of admission at Dean College in Franklin, MA. She holds a BA in English from College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, MA and an MS in Counseling from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD.

Kathy began her career in education as an English teacher and high school



guidance counselor in public and private schools in Maryland. Upon relocating to Massachusetts, she worked as a high school guidance counselor in Franklin and Westboro before

accepting the position at Dean College. While at Dean, Kathy recruited throughout the northeast United States, Latin

America and Asia. Since coming to Suffolk, she has traveled locally and in the Middle East.

Kathy thoroughly enjoys her work at Suffolk. One of the first items on her agenda is to "become better acquainted with some of our outstanding faculty members because they are such a strong selling point for the school." She hopes to continue the many positive initiatives that are underway in undergraduate admission such as the increase in recruitment efforts that were made possible by the opening of the residence hall. \*

## Suffolk's Elderhostel Program Welcomes Seniors to Boston

This summer, Suffolk plans to host several Elderhostel programs for individuals ages 55 and older. Programs feature a variety of courses including "Landmarks and Personalities of Boston," "Everything You Need to Know About Computers," "Boston's Performing Arts" and "Rockport: Early Artists' Colony." Each program is taught by Suffolk professors and includes educational trips and social activities. Participants will be housed in the residence hall. Six-day programs begin on the following dates: May 31, June 7, July 19 and August 2.

Employees of the University are encouraged to invite relatives and friends

to attend the Elderhostel programs. To request an Elderhostel catalog or for more information on the organization, contact Elderhostel at (617) 426-8056. If you have specific questions regarding this summer's programs at Suffolk, contact Sherry Mattson, Coordinator of Summer Programs, at ext. 8647. \*

## New Employees

**Shannon Allain**, development assistant, Development.

**Champtol Diallo**, gifts processor, Development.

**Laura Ferrari**, assistant director, Ballotti Learning Center.

**Julie Frazier**, major gifts officer, Development.

**Jodi Gerber**, payroll assistant, Payroll.  
**Susan James Leyva**, staff assistant, Enrollment and Retention Management.  
**Juliane Jin**, administrative secretary, Deans' Office - CLAS.  
**Phyllis Joyce**, secretary, Law School.  
**Duane Keegan**, officer, University Police.  
**John Lee**, safety officer, University Safety Office.

**Sirjit Lertkhachonsuk**, international student assistant, Enrollment and Retention Management.

**Deborah Merrigan**, major gifts officer, Development.

**Noah Ravizza**, serials assistant, Law Library.

**Amil Rivera**, reference assistant, Law Library.

**Danielle Steinmann**, secretary, Law School. \*



## On Retirement

By Toni Lenz Tinberg

As always, at the start of a new year I've begun to receive questions from employees nearing normal retirement age. In this column, I'll take a break from discussing the retirement plan to address health insurance issues for those turning age 65.

If you do not retire at age 65, your health insurance status will not change on your 65th birthday. If you are covered under a Suffolk group plan, you and your family will retain that coverage. You may enroll in Medicare effective the beginning of the month you turn 65; however, Suffolk's group plan will continue as the "primary payer" of your medical claims.

Upon retirement, you must enroll in Medicare. Medicare Part A is hospital insurance, and has no premium charge. Medicare Part B is supplementary medical insurance with a monthly premium of \$43.80 for 1998. The premium for Medicare Part B generally will be deducted directly from your Social Security check. You should enroll in both parts effective with your retirement to avoid penalties for late enrollment.

If you were employed prior to November 1, 1995, and retire at normal retirement age with 15 or more years of full-time benefits eligible service at Suffolk, you are eligible to participate in our group plan designed to coordinate with Medicare. The Pilgrim Enhance 65 Plan roughly mirrors the Pilgrim Advantage Plan. The First Seniority Plan provides a few enhancements to the Harvard Community Health and Pilgrim Health Care HMO Plans, in that hearing aids and limited adult dental care are covered services. If you are eligible for retiree health insurance, continued health coverage will also be available for your dependents.

Please call me at extension 8418 if you have any questions. \*

**Melissa Haussman**, assistant professor, Government. She received a Government of Canada Research Grant which she will use this summer. She is part of a cross-national team called the "Research Network on Gender and the State," which will survey the role of women's policy machinery around the world. The group will evaluate debate structure and policy outcomes in four areas: abortion, job training, formal representation and prostitution. Professor Haussman is the only United States member of the Canadian team. She will be studying the role of the Secretary of State Women's Program in granting funds to both pro-choice and pro-life groups. Following the survey, the team plans to publish a cross-national volume in each policy area.

**Joshua Guilar**, assistant professor, Communications & Journalism. He published an article entitled "Can We Really Talk?" in the January/February 1998 edition of *At Work*. The article addresses whether or not open communication is possible in organizations. He proposes a model that accounts for organizational and personal capacities and supports genuine dialogue.

**Maureen Owen**, director, Residence Life. She co-chaired the annual fall conference of the NorthEast Association of College and University Housing Officers (NEACUHO.) The conference was held in October at Keene State College in NH and attracted over 200 housing professionals from New England and New York. Maureen presented a program on being a new chief housing officer. Other program topics included supervision, religious diversity, motivation and the freshman year experience.

**Carolyn Boyes-Watson**, assistant professor, Sociology. In November, she moderated a forum on Restorative Justice in Concord. Restorative justice is a system that works in direct contrast with our present justice system. It is currently



Carolyn Boyes-Watson

being applied in other states and has influenced developments in Massachusetts. Professor Boyes-Watson also serves as the director of Suffolk's graduate program in Criminal Justice.

**Robert Allison**, assistant professor, History. He has been asked to serve on a committee to plan new exhibits at the U.S.S. Constitution Museum.

**Tracey Palmer**, writer/editor, UMS. She was a coordinating judge for the 1997-98 Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District I Publications Awards competition. There were more than fifty college, university and independent school submissions in her category, alumni magazines. She judged each publication on the basis of editorial content, design and photography. Tracey is scheduled to present the awards at the CASE conference in Toronto this month. She has also been selected to serve as public relations coordinator, USA, for the 1998-99 CASE District I conference marketing committee.

**David Mayo**, operations technician, MIS. He received a letter of appreciation from Reserve Intelligence Area Commander Gertz for his professional assistance during the change of command and retirement ceremony held beside the U.S.S. Constitution in September. David delivered both the invocation and benediction at the service.

**Lisa Shatz**, assistant professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering. She was awarded a Research Proposal Grant from the National Science Foundation to do work in modeling the cochlea (the spiral shaped part of the inner ear.) \*



## Potpourri

By Kimberly Hall

What better way to kick off the new year than to announce the new arrivals? We did miss a birth announcement from last spring. **Susan Keefe**, Philosophy, gave birth to a baby boy, **Patrick O'Donnell Keefe**, on May 31. He weighed in at 8lbs. 10oz...

More recently, we had a couple of December births.

**Linda Sandstrom Simard**, associate professor, Law School, delivered her son **Ryan** on December 10. Ryan was born a healthy 8lbs. 4oz. Baby makes three for **Jennifer Kealey**, SSOM Deans' office, and her husband,

**Chris**. Jennifer gave birth to their first child, **Emily Grace**, 7lbs. 10oz., on December 29...

We also have a few January births. **Dorothy Zahir**, Office of the President, and her husband, **Quazi**, added a son to their family on January 10. Baby **Tanvir** weighed in at 8lbs. 5oz. After a string of five grandsons, VP Treasurer **Francis X. Flannery** is the proud grandfather of a baby girl, **Kelly Mary**.



Linda Sandstrom Simard

Born January 14, she is the second child of **Cameron** and **Maryellen Pease**, both Suffolk law grads. A reminder to FXF from his staff: Don't spoil her too much!

Finally, just minutes before we went to press, we got word of another arrival. **Lynn Williams**, Education and Human Services, and her husband, **Matt**, are the proud parents of **Emmalyn Grace** born on January 21 and weighing 7lbs. 11oz. Congratulations to all the new parents and grandparents!

More good news to report...**Erin (Murphy) Madden** married **Derry Madden** on December 26. The couple celebrated their honeymoon a little early with a trip to Cancun last fall...

While we're on the subject of congratulations, **Annette Gentile**, Business Office, reports a promotion in their department. **Dung Ngyuen** has been promoted to Manager of Accounts Payable. Dung earned a BSBA with a concentration in Accounting from Suffolk and is currently pursuing an MPA. She has seven years experience in the Business Office. Dung replaces **Dayna Antenucci** who left Suffolk after ten years of service to become the Grants Coordinator at Beth Israel Hospital...

Captain **John Pagliarulo** asks that we wish a warm welcome to two new police

officer trainees: **Mackenzie Derival** and **Duane Keegan**...

Warm wishes and best regards were sent by retiree **Joseph Strain**, former CLAS associate dean, to all of his friends at Suffolk. He and his wife **Marie** have moved into a new retirement community in Westborough. Their children are scattered from North Carolina to the mid-West with only one remaining in Boston. Joe and Marie are both in good health and send their best to everyone at the University...

**Lou Connelly** reports some sad news to us. **Richard Conway II** of Rocky Hill, CT, a 1950 Suffolk graduate with a BS in Journalism and an avid follower of Suffolk athletics died November 29 after a long illness. Mr. Conway was one of the founders of the Suffolk University Varsity Club of which Red Sox slugger **Ted Williams** was an honorary member. Our condolences go out to his wife, **Ellen**, and their three children...

Thanks this issue to **Don Martelli**, Public Affairs, and **Bob DiGuardia**, MIS, for their contributions. Special thanks to **Bob Allison**, University archivist, for providing the yesteryear picture and caption in every issue. A reminder that all of your contributions are welcome. We'll see you again in the spring! \*

## Yesteryear



In acknowledgment of Black History Month, we pulled this January 1972 picture from the archives. Suffolk University and the Museum of Afro-American History announced the establishment of the Collection of Afro-American Literature. Shown here are (left to right) Henry Hampton, president of the Museum of Afro-American History; Professor Edward Clark, English department; Inez Patten, lecturer in Sociology and History; J. Marcus Mitchell, Afro-American museum curator; Suffolk President Thomas Fulham; and James C. Moody, president of Suffolk's Afro-American club. They are standing outside the Museum's African Meeting House on Smith Court. Now with nearly 5,000 volumes, the Collection of African American Literature, housed in Sawyer Library, is a tremendous resource jointly maintained by Suffolk, the Museum of Afro-American History and the National Park Service, under the direction of History professor Robert Bellinger. \*



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