Suffolk to Open Campus in Senegal

Over fifty faculty, staff and administrators gathered in the CMD conference room on March 4 for an informal luncheon reception to honor H.E. Mamadou Seck, Ambassador of Senegal to the U.S. Ambassador Seck was on campus to announce the opening of the Suffolk University Dakar Campus in Senegal which is slated to open in May of this year.

President David Sargent introduced the Ambassador. He remarked on his excitement about the prospect of opening another international campus and "the opportunity to expand our horizons to a culture different from what most of us have known."

Ambassador Seck expressed his enthusiasm for the new Suffolk campus and began his talk by acquainting the audience with some basic demographic information about Senegal. The country is about the size of South Dakota (75 square miles) and has a population of 9 million people. Senegal gained its independence from France in 1960; its currency is linked to the Euro; and English is a universal language for the Senegalese people.

The Ambassador continued to discuss the positive aspects of investing in Africa including a typically high rate of return, stability and democracy. He feels that the most important issue facing the country is the modernization of the University system. Currently, there are only two other universities in Senegal. He entertained questions from the audience about Senegal and the new Suffolk campus. He concluded with one final thought: "When you teach, you learn at the same time."

New SSOM Master's Program
By Teri Malionek

The Board of Trustees approved a new Master's Degree program in Philanthropy and Media during its February Board Meeting. The Master's Degree Program is a unique partnership between the Sawyer School of Management's Public Management Department and The Visionaries Institute, the producers of the acclaimed public television series, The Visionaries.

The curriculum integrates theory and practice of non-profit management with the production and use of positive media by philanthropic organizations for public information, educational and promotional purposes.

Founded by Suffolk alumnus Bill Mosher and narrated weekly by Sam Waterston, The Visionaries profiles the work of a variety of non-profit organizations throughout the world. Because of this partnership, M.S.P.M. students will have an opportunity to study and work in an operating production facility and be mentored by the award winning writers, producers and directors of The Visionaries.
Law School Team in National Moot Court Finals
By Tony Ferullo

Suffolk University advanced to the National Finals of the Giles S. Rich Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition, held at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, DC from April 14-16.

The Suffolk team of Ali Alavi-Nassab and Tom Johnston qualified for the nationals after finishing in second place in the three-day Northeast Regional competition, which took place recently at the Law School. Other participating schools included: the University of Baltimore Law School; Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; Brigham Young University School of Law; Columbus School of Law; George Washington University School of Law; University of Pittsburgh School; and Southern New England School of Law.

Suffolk defeated Brigham Young in the first round, and then went on to top George Washington in the second round.

"I was so immensely proud how our team progressed throughout the competition," said coach Janice Mueller, assistant professor. "We got stronger as we went along."

The University of Pittsburgh School of Law squeezed by Suffolk University Law School in the finals. "The rule states that the winner and runner-up teams qualify for the nationals. "We had the higher score in the oral argument, but Pittsburgh outscored us in the written appellate brief," said Alavi-Nassab. "It was a close contest all the way."

Suffolk now finds itself as one of the top 8 schools competing for the national crown. "This is a good team that will be representing Suffolk Law School," said Mueller. "It's going to be tough, but I believe our chances are excellent to go all the way."*

SOULS Uplifts Lives During Spring Break
By Tim Mosehauer

During the week of March 7th, Suffolk's Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service (SOULS) sponsored a trip for eleven students and staff to spend a week engaging in experiential learning and performing community service in the small, rural New Road community in the town of Exmore, Virginia. Volunteers participated in a range of service projects such as painting and refurbishing dilapidated homes, moving furniture for an elderly individual and clearing land of debris and litter.

However, this 'alternative' spring break experience amounted to much more than the tangible work accomplished. Participants immersed themselves in the culture of people and a city foreign to them in many ways. The New Road community, which consists of approximately 250 African Americans, has no indoor plumbing, limited running water and very poor housing. Despite the lack of these modern conveniences, the people of New Road are proud. Suffolk volunteers were welcomed with open arms upon their arrival and the community continually expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the assistance provided all week.

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Second Annual E.F. McDonnell Lecture Series Launched
By Teri Malionek

On March 16, the Sawyer School began the second annual E. F. McDonnell International Business Lecture Series at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Over 100 international business professionals attended the program, which featured top Asian businessman, Victor K. Fung. Dr. Fung, who received an honorary doctorate of commercial science in 1996, spoke on "Hong Kong's Role in China's Economic Future".

As Chairman of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, the statutory body responsible for the promotion of Hong Kong's external trade, Fung presides over a 19-member Council comprised of government officials and representatives of Hong Kong's major business and economic associations. The Council manages Hong Kong's international operations, services and promotional activities. Dr. Fung also serves as chairman of the Li & Fung Group, the largest trading company in Southeast Asia. Li & Fung is a family business that manages over $2 billion annually for U.S. and European firms and employs over one million people across Asia. Fung is also founding chairman of Prudential Asia Investments Limited, the Asian investment and merchant banking arm of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

The E.F. McDonnell International Business Institute sponsors the Lecture Series. Hosted within the Sawyer School of Management, the Institute is named for Edward F. McDonnell, a former international executive at Seagram's & Sons. Mr. McDonnell received his BSBA degree from the Sawyer School and was conferred a Suffolk University honorary doctorate of commercial science in 1984. Currently, Mr. McDonnell serves on Suffolk's Board of Trustees and chairs the Sawyer School of Management Trustee Committee.*
SOULS Sponsors Service Learning Discussion
By Sherry Mattson

Suffolk's Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service (SOULS) recently hosted its second event focusing on service learning opportunities at Suffolk University. Service learning can be defined as a "course-based, credit-bearing educational experience in which students participate in an organized service activity that meets identified community needs and reflect on the service activity in such a way as to gain further understanding of course content, a broader appreciation of the discipline, and an enhanced sense of civic responsibility (IUPUI)." Faculty, students and administrators gathered during the activity period on February 11 to discuss the merits of service learning and how it could be implemented more fully at Suffolk.

Carol Zulauf, associate professor in the Education and Human Services Department, shared her experience with integrating service into a graduate Adult and Organizational Learning course last fall. Professor Zulauf worked closely with SOULS Program Director Tom King to place students in local community service agencies. Students performed ten hours of service at agencies such as the Paulist Center, the Greater Boston Food Bank and the New England Aquarium. After the students completed their service experiences, Tom led the class in a reflection exercise designed to help the students think critically about their service experience as it related to their course curriculum. Students also wrote papers connecting their service experience to the course content. The service component in Professor Zulauf's course was optional, but the vast majority of the students chose to participate. In addition, 100% of the students who participated have continued their service this spring.

Community service learning provides the opportunity for students to learn the theory of a course, apply the theory in a community setting, and later reflect on the experience. The recent forum provided an opportunity for faculty to share ideas for supporting service learning opportunities. As SOULS continues to expand, the staff plans to continue working with faculty to promote the development of service learning opportunities for students. For more information on incorporating a service component into an existing course or to learn more about service learning in general, please contact Tom King, Program Director at 573-8320 or Sherry Mattson, Associate Director, at 305-1965.

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The group was inspired when the executive director of the community development organization took everyone on a tour and shared her vision for the future of improved physical conditions and sustainable economic opportunities.

In addition to the projects conducted during the day, other highlights of the week included playing games and talking with the children of the area in the evenings and eating the wonderful meals prepared by women in the community. The time in Virginia was challenging, emotional and memorable. New Road and Suffolk definitely created a lasting connection.
On Retirement
By Toni Lenz Tinberg

However much you are currently saving toward your retirement, do you ever wonder whether you're saving enough? Do you wonder whether, even if you have saved enough to allow you to retire, your money will run out before your need for it does? There are several planning tools available to help determine if you are on target with your savings. These tools generally allow you to make some assumptions about rates of inflation, investment returns and Social Security income, and to change those assumptions to see how the results will vary.

Although any technique used to predict the value of your savings thirty or forty years in the future may not be entirely accurate, working through the process may help you to establish an action plan for today.

If you enjoy surfing the Internet, be sure to check out Fidelity Investments’ site at www.fidelity.com (click on retirement, then on planning) to determine if your retirement savings target will be met. Fidelity estimates that their Retirement Planning Calculator takes about 15 minutes to complete (I did it in less than 5). If you prefer using pen and paper tools, just telephone me at extension 8418. I’d be happy to send you a copy of Noreen Murray’s excellent video Developing a Savings Strategy. It should take you just about an hour to complete the worksheet as you watch the video.

If you decide to increase your savings as a result of either of these exercises, please just call me to discuss increasing your tax-deferred savings — or for an application for TIAA-CREF IRAs or Mutual Funds.*

Proud Parents Should Have No Fear Of COBRA!
By Connie Liauw

Q: Amidst the flurry of confetti and congratulations at commencement, what is most likely the furthest thing from a parent’s mind?

A: Insurance for the graduate.

Insurance coverage for a dependent over age 18 who has previously certified his or her full-time student status is terminated as of September 30th unless proof is submitted of continuing full-time student status. This proof must be submitted to our insurance providers no later than September 15th. In the instance that your child is either not a full-time student or is turning 25, s/he is no longer eligible to be covered as a dependent. However, have no fear, because thanks to COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act), your child has the right to continue his/her health and/or dental coverage for up to 36 months. If you are an employee for whom this will be an issue, please feel free to contact the Human Resources office at 573-8415 for more information.*
Steve Patterson, professor, Chemistry. He had his article, "A Simplified Method for Finding the pK of an Acid-Base Indicator by Spectrophotometry," published in the March 1999 issue of the Journal of Chemical Education.

Richard Beinecke, associate professor, Public Management. His article, "The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Program: Year 5" was accepted in Administration and Policy in Mental Health. Suffolk published a follow-up study, "Assessment of the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Program: Year 6." Dr. Beinecke was appointed as the university consultant to the Consumer Satisfaction Team project, funded by the Division of Medical Assistance and the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership.

Carol Zulauf, assistant professor, Education and Human Services. She will be a panel member on HRD's Professor's Forum for this year's American Society of Training and Development (ASTD) International Conference to be held in May in Atlanta, GA. The topic is Action Learning project in Higher Education.

Tara Mahar, assistant director, Enrollment Research and Planning. She presented a session at the annual meeting of the Northeast Association of Institutional Research entitled "What do Prospective Graduate Students Want? Using Focus Groups to find out."

Michael Duggan, director, Enrollment Research and Planning. He presented a session on "Hi-tech Resources for Institutional Research". He and Tara Mahar did a joint session on the "Basics of Institutional Research" at the annual meeting of the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (NEACRAO).

Anne Marie Cammisa, assistant professor, Government. She has recently published two books, both from Westview Press. The first, From Rhetoric to Reform? Welfare Policy in American Politics, was named an "outstanding academic book" of 1998 by CHOICE magazine. Criteria for selection for the award "include excellence in scholarship and presentation, significance with regard to other literature in the field, and recognition as an important, often the first, treatment of a specific subject in print or electronic form." The second, co-authored by Dr. Paul C. Manuel of Saint Anselm, is entitled Checks and Balances: How a Parliamentary System Could Change American Politics.

Melissa Haussman, assistant professor, Government. She will be participating in the Canadian Political Science Association Meetings in Sherbrooks, Quebec in early June. She will also present a paper entitled "From Decriminalization to No New Law" on abortion policy in Canada from 1972-91 for which she received a Canadian government research grant.

Sherry Mattson, director, Enrollment and Retention Management. She delivered a presentation on grant writing at the Campus Outreach Opportunity League national conference in Salt Lake City in March. Suffolk's Organization for Uplifting Lives through Service (SOULS), the campus community service organization, has been funded by grants written by Sherry, Tom King of Student Activities and student members of the SOULS Steering Committee.

Lisa Renery, Coordinator of ESL, Second Language Services. She presented a paper with Elaine Pascale and Theodora Chocos at the annual TESOL conference in New York City. TESOL is the association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. The paper documented the first semester progress of the newly integrated ESL program at Suffolk. The paper, entitled "Language/Content Integration in Sheltered ESL Program," charted the steps taken to effect major changes in the existing ESL program and the results of the first two semesters of those changes. The trio also spoke about the program on March 26 at the spring conference of MATSOL (Massachusetts Teachers to Speakers of Other Languages) at Northeastern University. They were joined by Sharon Lenzie who teaches the American History component of the ESL program.

Linda Foley-Vinay, program director, Second Language Services. She and Eva Ververidis also presented at the MATSOL conference in March.

Linda Leslie Brown, associate professor, NESADSU. She will be featured in a number of upcoming exhibitions this spring. The shows include: the national exhibition of FATE (Foundations in Art Theory and Education) in Fort Collins, CO; a two-person show at LWB Gallery, The Revolving Museum, Boston; Green Street Gallery, Jamaica Plain, in conjunction with the Boston CyberArts Festival; Women's Caucus for Art Boston, at the Brickbottom Gallery in Boston. She was also a part of the Emerging Artists exhibition in April at the CEPA Gallery in Buffalo, NY.

Frances Burke, professor, Public Management. She hosted the newly-elected Treasurer and Receiver General, Shannon O’Brien, at the American Society for Public Administration, Massachusetts Chapter Breakfast meeting held in the CMD conference room. Treasurer O’Brien talked about her vision and objectives for the many divisions within the Treasurer’s office as well as the many challenges encountered as head of the Lottery and the Public Retirement Board. Assisting with the breakfast were MPA candidates Amy Broderick and Rachel Revell along with MBA candidate Karen Rothwell.

Joseph McCarthy, professor, Education and Human Services. He has been elected President of the Northeast Region Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association.

Kathleen Grathwol, assistant professor, English. She chaired a panel entitled “Newly Lewd: Recent Work on Female Transgression” at the annual American Society for 18th-Century Studies (ASECS) conference in Milwaukie in March.


Jane M. Johnson, instructor, NESADSU. She received notification that the State of Maine, Department of Professional and Financial Regulation has licensed her as a Certified Interior Designer. She completed her NCIDQ (National Council of Interior Design Qualification) testing in October 1997. She hopes that Massachusetts will soon require licensing for the Interior Design profession.

Carol Dine, adjunct faculty, English. Her poem, “Sinner,” will be interpreted by acclaimed choreographer Paula Josa-Jones in her upcoming performance of “Antigone’s Dream.”

Joseph Gallant, director of Social Policy Studies, Beacon Hill Institute. He has recently joined the Beacon Hill Institute. Prior to joining the Suffolk community, he was the Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Boston College and a master’s degree from Simmons College.

Cheryl Conner, director of the Internship Program, Law School. She runs a program, “Reflective Lawyer”. In the class, students reflect upon the role of the lawyer in society, and the integration of their spiritual and ethical perspectives within law practice. She also recently spoke to the Eastern Sociological Society on “Equal Opportunity Compassion within the Criminal Justice System” and is co-sponsoring with the Flaschner Institute, “Getting to the Heart of Judging.”

Jonathan Haughton, assistant professor, Economics. He co-edited the book *Health and Wealth in Vietnam: An Analysis of Household Living Standards*. The book is a collection of fourteen essays resulting from a unique collaboration between Vietnamese and U.S. social scientists. Each of the essays is based on the findings of a survey of 4,800 households undertaken in 1992-93. The publisher is the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies Press in Singapore. Professor Haughton will be returning to Vietnam this summer to analyze data from a sequel to the original survey.


Robert DeFillippi, associate professor, assistant chair, Management. He was invited to deliver the only presentation at the London Business School’s Human Resource Exchange. The Human Resource Exchange is a quarterly gathering of human resource directors from some of England’s top companies including: British Petroleum, British Telecom, Barclays Bank and the BBC. Professor DeFillippi spoke on the topic of "Project-Based Learning Implications for Individual and Company Transformation." He is currently the course leader and visiting professor at City University Business School in London.
Potpourri
By Kimberly Hall MacMillan

What better way to begin the spring issue of the SUN than with a few birth announcements! Congratulations to John D’Allewa, electrician in Physical Plant, and his wife Tracey on the birth of their baby boy. Matthew James was born on January 24.

Priscilla Rosati, secretary in Marketing, gave birth to her second child, a baby girl, on February 4. Kayleigh Sheridan Rosati weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. Best wishes to Priscilla, her husband Steven and big brother Nicholas.

Just a couple of weeks later on February 16, Mary Flaherty, assistant professor in Education and Human Services, and her husband Richard welcomed their second daughter, Gwendolyn Flaherty Congdon. Mary teaches paralegal studies. She and Richard live in Rockport with their 7-year-old daughter, Winifred.

The third time’s a charm for Lisa Keaney, senior director of Development. She and her husband Joseph added a daughter, Kerry Ann, to their clan on March 3 (just in time for St. Patrick’s Day!). Kerry has two older brothers, Ryan and Shane.

While we’re on the subject on congratulations, Bree White, budget assistant for Development and Enrollment, will be graduating with a BSBA degree in May. She has accepted an accounting position at Staples, Inc. On behalf of the Development and Enrollment offices, Charlene Andrews would like congratulate Bree and wish her success in her future endeavors.

Chris Perry, director of financial aid, asked us to pass along her thanks “to all of the kind people who wrote, called or visited during my recent medical leave. Such thoughtfulness was much appreciated.” Chris has been seen around and about on campus and, fortunately, she is on the mend.

Robert Johnson, his wife, son and daughter recently traveled to England. The family celebrated the New Year in a flat in London...

We have a few business items on the agenda this issue as well. Effective March 1, the Copy Center located on the 9th floor of Sawyer and all coin/card operated copier equipment in the Sawyer Library will be under the management of Allegra Print & Imaging of 4 Somerset Street. Any questions may be addressed to the Business Office...

Also, the University’s selected travel agency, Aquarius Travel, is featuring an African Wing Safari in June. The trip departs on June 11th. Anyone interested can call Roseann at Boston Aquarius Travel at (617) 542-0700 or 1-800-283-8777 for information on this or many other safari adventures...

All of our best wishes go out to Mariann Mulcahy who had to leave the University for health reasons after 39 years of service. She began working at Suffolk as a secretary in the Law School in the fall of 1960. She worked in the Law School until 1987 at which time she moved to the Chemistry department. We wish Mariann improved health and much-needed time to rest.

Patricia Brown, retired law librarian, has been recognized by the National Baseball Hall of Fame for her contributions to women’s baseball as a member of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Pat, who retired from Suffolk in 1992, pitched for three different teams during the league’s existence in the 1940s and 1950s...

We recently found out that several of our Suffolk staffers also dabble in athletics on the side. Our congratulations go out to our new associate director of Public Affairs, Tony Ferullo. Tony was named the Boston Globe Coach of the Year for Division II Boys Basketball. He coaches the varsity basketball team at Revere High School...

Finally, congratulations to Jenny Ross, associate director of advertising for UMS, for her charitable work benefiting the American Liver Foundation. This year was the second year that Jenny ran the Boston Marathon as a personal fundraiser for the Liver Foundation. Last year she raised $2,000 for the New England chapter and hoped to raise even more in this effort...

My thanks to all of you who contributed to this issue, especially Tony Ferullo, John Gillooly and Kristin Nelson, who worked on the layout while on vacation. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy spring! *
Yesteryear

As we prepare for the move to the new Law School building, Pat Brown, retired law librarian, provided us with this glimpse into the past. This photo shows Suffolk's librarians of the past. Pictured, left to right: Edward J. Bander, Edward G. Hartmann, Richard J. Sullivan, Patricia I. Brown, Edmund (Ted) Hamann, and John W. Lynch.

(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.)