7NEWS and Suffolk Continue Survey Partnership

Suffolk University and 7News (WHDH-TV) will continue their exclusive partnership by conducting a series of polls for the upcoming presidential primary and the final election showdown in November 2004. The polls will deliver on-air and on-line results as well as comprehensive voter profiles.

This unique partnership will build on the momentum generated from the pilot polling program established by the College of Arts and Sciences Government Department, which commenced leading up to the 2002 Massachusetts Gubernatorial Election.

Suffolk Adjunct Professor David Paleologos, an author and professional pollster for 20 years, worked closely with Government Professors Agnes Bain and John Berg and the Office of Public Affairs to embark on a ten-survey pilot program designed to monitor, analyze and educate the public about the gubernatorial and statewide races and issues in Massachusetts. “At every level, the goals of this pilot program were exceeded, and it has been a resounding success for the University,” said Paleologos.

Over the next several months, there will be a regular pattern of surveys and daily

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Suffolk Employees Support Breast Cancer Awareness

Suffolk staffers show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month before participating in a ceremonial walk to the State House earlier this month. Story page 3. (Photo by John Gillooly)

Wait-Listed Students Opt for Madrid

As the University contemplated its large freshman class and the able students on its waiting list this summer, admissions officers in Madrid and Boston came up with an idea: Why not offer wait-listed students the opportunity to begin their Suffolk educations on the Madrid campus?

Seven freshmen who had applied to the Boston campus now are studying in Madrid, mixing easily with study-abroad students from the United States and students from the European Union.

“What really makes the Madrid program work well, in addition to the excellent faculty, is the nice mix of Europeans, Latinos and U.S. students coming from different backgrounds and settings, then experiencing Madrid together,” said Joseph Walsh, Associate Director of Admission. The common bond of Suffolk has brought together students who have varying levels of proficiency in the Spanish language — from practically none to total fluency.

The Madrid program offers many of the core courses offered in Boston, according to John Hamel, Director of Undergraduate Admission. Christian Peters, Admission Director in Madrid, and Hamel came up with the pilot program offering would-be freshmen an alternative option. Hamel said students are expected to continue at the Boston campus after completing a year in Madrid.
From the SUN's Editor

Dear Readers:

Response to the new SUN has been very encouraging, and we would like to thank you for your support in this new community-building effort.

This month we feature a host of Suffolk community members who have banded together to support the fight against breast cancer, reminding us once again how wonderful it is to be part of a University, surrounded by people full of ideas, with the will to change the world.

The Dean’s Reception is a wonderful annual event that brings the entire Suffolk community together. If you’ve never attended, come along and meet some of the people you’ve heard about in the pages of the SUN. In addition to friends and colleagues, you’ll have an opportunity to view “Rembrandt’s Journey,” a special exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts, the site of the November 1 event.

Following the November issue of the SUN, there will be a brief interlude coinciding with the semester break. The fourth issue will be published in late January, so please submit time-sensitive material accordingly. We look forward to seeing you in the SUN.

Rosemarie E. Sansone
Executive Editor

Polling Partnership

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tracking executed in key swing states designed to monitor upcoming presidential primaries and the final election of 2004. The first poll, released on Monday, September 29, on “7NEWS at 6” and again on “7NEWS at 11,” was co-anchored by Randy Price and Caterina Bandini.

“This has proven to be a unique collaboration between two longtime neighbors in the Boston area; it makes perfect sense to move forward,” said CAS Dean Michael R. Ronayne.

“Everyone at 7News was pleased to have formed a partnership with Suffolk University on what was a valuable source of information for our viewers as they considered their vote for Governor of Massachusetts,” said 7NEWS Director Ed Kosowski.

As in the past, Paleologos, now Director of Suffolk’s Political Research Center, will manage the execution of each study for 7NEWS and the Suffolk polling project. Students in the government department enrolled in course study, independent study or other interactive educational pursuits may initiate survey projects.

Paleologos also served as expert political analyst during the gubernatorial race and will again join Andy Hiller, the station’s senior political editor, on various newscasts throughout the presidential primary and final election campaign season.

Suffolk’s Beekeeper

George Comeau, Managing Associate Director for University Media Services (UMS), has had a passion for nature all his life, and beekeeping is his escape from his work at Suffolk.

“I like it because it’s unique,” said Comeau, who received his BS in 1988, his MPA in 1993 and his JD in 1999, all from Suffolk. “When I was in law school I didn’t have much time to learn about nature, and I definitely wasn’t able to take any courses in the field.”

After graduating from the Law School, Comeau decided to fulfill his curiosity for the outdoors, particularly to learn more about beekeeping. He attended a local agricultural college course at the Norfolk County Beekeepers Association in Canton. The once-a-week, two-hour class educated Comeau about the buzz around bees.

With his knowledge of beekeeping, he now plans to apply his teaching skills to educate others about bees and their usefulness. He has developed a Web site dedicated to...
In Memoriam
Dr. Lee W. Sutherland

His many friends at Suffolk University were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Lee W. Sutherland, retired Professor of Management. He died September 2 at his home in Billerica surrounded by his family. Sutherland was 71.

Sutherland served on the SSOM faculty for 32 years. He taught the management principles course and was well liked and respected by his students. He was the faculty secretary and adviser to the American Management Association. Sutherland received two degrees from Suffolk University, a BSBA in 1959 and an MEd in 1975. He also held a master’s degree in business and economics from the University of Maine and a PhD in administration and counseling from Nova Southeastern University.

Upon hearing of his death, Magid Mazen of Management paid tribute to Sutherland, “News of death usually ties my tongue. For some reason, the image of Lee’s smiling and welcoming presence has been in and out of my mind during this past summer; he was my office neighbor. If I were to sculpt ‘a kind soul,’ I’d crown it with Lee’s face. We will always think of what you have taught us by just being you, generous, present and centered. Rest in peace, my friend.”

Sutherland is survived by his wife of 45 years, Maria (Anastos); two sons, Dr. William Sutherland, BS’80, and Dr. Philip Sutherland, BS’82; his daughter, Dr. Sandra Sutherland Rahman, BSBA’84, MBA’86; and seven grandchildren.

Suffolk Turns Pink in October

While its school colors may be royal blue and gold, Suffolk University has turned pink during the month of October – in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer continues to touch people at an alarming rate. In 2003, more than 211,300 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States; of these, 4,700 will be diagnosed in Massachusetts alone.

“Although major advances have been made in recent years, more work needs to be done to promote breast cancer research, education, prevention and detection – and most of all, to find a cure,” said Norine Bacigalupo, a professor in the Communication and Journalism Department and a breast cancer survivor. “Suffolk University should be proud of its contributions during October to further this critical work.”

Norine Bacigalupo

Under the leadership of President David J. Sargent, Dean of Students Nancy C. Stoll, Director of Health Services Sharon Yardley and Bacigalupo, Suffolk has planned various community-wide events, informational sessions (including seminars focusing on breast and ovarian cancers) and promotional efforts throughout October to highlight the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Student groups, including Suffolk Sisters and the S.O.U.L.S. Community Service Center, are also playing an active role in supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The opening event, held early this month, involved a walk to the State House, where 90 biodegradable pink balloons were released as a sign of support for the 90 Massachusetts women expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer during the first week of October. President Sargent participated in the walk, along with numerous Suffolk students, athletes, administrators, faculty and staff.

In addition, a caring group of people within the Suffolk community participated in the American Cancer Society’s annual “Making Strides for Breast Cancer” walk on October 12. Wearing matching T-shirts and proud smiles, these devoted individuals walked in memory of Marsha Ginn, former Director of Graduate Admission at Suffolk, who passed away earlier this year following a battle with cancer.

Ginn, who lived in Needham, had three children and three grandchildren. “Those who knew Marsha miss her very much,” said Jeanne Morton, Associate Director of the Ballotti Learning Center. “She was a very happy and loving person who lit up a room when she entered it.”

In addition, Suffolk student-athletes are wearing white wristbands, with the pink Breast Cancer ribbon logo in the middle, during each athletic contest in October. This is a total team effort portrayed by all of the fall athletic squads and supported by Suffolk Athletic Director Jim Nelson and the respective coaches of each sport.

“I support and applaud the many organizations throughout Suffolk University that are sponsoring breast cancer awareness activities during October,” said President Sargent. “Together, the women and men of Suffolk can fight – and win – the battle against breast cancer.”

Beekeeper

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upkeep and information about bees, and plans to start a school as well. The Web site features journals noting Comeau’s progress with his bees and has listings of upcoming events that other beekeepers can attend. Visit his site at www.norfolkbees.org.

Comeau contrasts beekeeping with his job at Media Services, “It’s as far from technology as you can get,” he says.
KUDOS! Suffolk’s Employee Recognition Program

The Employee Recognition Program known as KUDOS was created for employees to show immediate appreciation and recognition for individuals or departments for exceptional contributions and customer service inside and outside of their departments.

Who can give and/or receive KUDOS?
Any employee of the Suffolk community, including Suffolk vendors such as ABM and Sodexo.

How do you give an award?
Fill out a print ticket located on the side of the KUDOS Treasure Chests (see locations below). Write your name, the nominee’s name and the reason for your nomination. Nominations must be related to a specific event. 

How do you receive a KUDOS?
If you are nominated, you will receive a KUDOS Certificate of Appreciation with the attached nomination ticket. In addition, each month, those who received a KUDOS nomination will be entered in a raffle. Human Resources will draw a name from each chest to receive a prize. 

Will you ever meet other nominees?
Every October and April all nominees will be recognized with a special reception. You will get to know other nominees and be entered in a raffle drawing.

Where do you get nomination tickets?
On the side of any KUDOS Treasure Chest.

Where are the Treasure Chests?
1 Beacon: Human Resources, 25th floor
Donahue: Student Activities, 5th floor
Sawyer: Reception Desk, 8th floor
Claphin: Enrollment, 2nd floor
Sargent Hall: Financial Aid, 1st floor
Ridgeway: Dean of Students, 3rd floor

Who do you contact for information?
Lori Cawthorne, Human Resources, can be reached at ext. 8415.

KUDOS Nominations: April - September 2003

The following departments and employees have received KUDOS certificates since the recognition luncheon in April. These employees will be recognized on October 30 during a special KUDOS Recognition Luncheon in the Law School Function Room.

Departments Nominated:
Alumni Relations
Career Services
Registrar’s Office
Student Accounts

Employees Nominated:
Charlene Andrews, CIE
Kevin Austin, Mail Services
Dorothy Barry, Student Accounts
Courtney Barth, Advancement
Myriam Berrios, Law Registrar
Michael A. Brown, Physical Plant
Michael C. Brown, Management
Dennis Bryson, Mail Services
Krisanne Bursik, Psychology
Wilma Busse, Counseling Center
Roxanna Canales, UMS
Jennifer Chin, SSOM Technology Mgt.
April DeCosta, Und. Admission
Tahira Delaine, Mail Services
Jade Richardson Delay, M15
Mike Duggan, Enrollment & Research
Amy French, SOULS
Chris Giordano, Dean of Students
Diana Gonzalez, Mail Services
Greg Harris, Business Office
Ann Marie Holland, Payroll
Roger Lee, Human Resources
Sharon Lenzie, History
Richard Limone, Acad. Computing, CAS
Lauren Mahoney, SSOM
Teri Malinek, SSOM
Sheila McCarthy, Counseling Center
Peg McQuaid, ABM
Dawn Medina, Student Accounts
Sarah Medina, Creative Services
Sheneka Morgan, Human Resources
Jeanne Morton, Ballotti Learning Center
Jim Nelson, Athletics
Chris O’Gara, Physical Plant
Marie Pagliarulo, Payroll
Carl Parks, Balotti Learning Center
Derek Pearson, UMS
Pamela Petras, Psychology
Joanne Rand, Mail Services
Chris Rech, Dining Services
Antonia Rizzo, Financial Aid
Denise Malvo-Rodriguez, Accounting
Jay Rosellini, History
Paul Scali, Allegra (SSOM)
Ellen Solomita, Advancement
Mike Spooner, Registrar’s Office
George Syrigos, Advancement
Aurelio Valente, Student Activities
Nikki Vamosi, Management
Lisa Vigliotta, Human Resources
Anthony Voto, Mail Services
Carol Zulauf, EHS

Training and Development Programs

Book Club For Managers
Thursdays, beginning October 30th
1 p.m.-2 p.m., 1 Beacon Street, Embassy Room.

Learn new trends and standards in people management. Network with your peers and chat over a brown bag lunch about some of the New York Times bestsellers for managers. Contact Lisa Vigliotta at ext. 8415 to register and for information about acquiring the books.

Check out the complete listing of Fall 2003 Staff Training and Development Programs at www.suffolk.edu/hr/training/index.html.
New Faces At Suffolk

Please welcome our newest employees!

Williere Benjamin, University Police
Kimyatta Campbell, University Police
Traci Doherty, Health Services
Kathryn Donahue, English
Chanveasna Khath, University Police
Brenda Layman, Athletics
Annie Jiau Lee, University Police
Maura Liebke-Perry, Sawyer Library
Sean Lowe, University Police
Barbara Mann, Sawyer Library
Kendra Ellen Mar, Advancement
Eleanor McClary, Adv. Legal Studies
Carlos Membreno Lainez, Univ. Police
Robert Morris, University Police
Nicholas Piscitelli, University Police
Linda Plonowski, Juvenile Justice Center
Sarah Reading, Dean of Students
Lisa Triplett, Financial Aid, Colleges
Erin Van Bruggen, Und. Admission
Susan Vaughn, Law Library
Alyson Warhol, University Police

RAD Women Watch Out for Themselves

Sgt. Ramon Nunez, a RAD instructor, works with a student during a recent class. He and Suffolk University Police Officer Moe Brown teach women on campus risk awareness and self-defense through the RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) program. "RAD gives women realistic self-defense options if they are attacked," said Brown. "It also helps them learn to avoid dangerous situations and to read people." She also teaches how to make their homes safe, as well as to protect themselves when traveling. The 12-hour course usually is offered three times yearly and is free of charge.

Potpourri

A SUN beam on Bob Allison of History, who participated in a fundraiser for the 213-year old Franklin Public Library, the oldest in the country, in an effort to help keep the library from closing its doors. An author of Massachusetts: From Colony to Commonwealth, he was on hand to sign copies of the book and generously donated his royalties from book sales that evening. The event was organized by the American Historical Press, publisher of the book ... Michael Avery, Law School, will become president of the National Lawyers Guild ... Michael Bassaches, Psychology, served as a research consultant to therapists from several continents who were interested in more formal self-study of their psychotherapy practices at the May 2003 meeting of the Society for Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration in New York ... Linda L. Brown of NESADSU was awarded the St. Botolph Club Foundation Grant for Visual Artists ... Marguerite J. Dennis, Vice President for Enrollment and International Programs, was the keynote speaker at the African Educational Advisors Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, Sept. 2-5, and at the Canadian Secondary School Admission Board in Montreal, Sept. 19-21 ... Carol Dine of English proudly displays over her desk Norman Mailer's quote, which she received this summer about her memoir, Places in the Bone: "Her prose is a poet's prose, often beautiful ... the memoir reads like a skier on a slalom course full of jigs, jags, and quick jumps that capture a good amount of the fine surprises and sudden disasters in her life." ... Colette Dumas, Management, participated in the two-day MBA 600 Facilitator Training session in June and has joined the newly established Practice-Oriented Education Research Network, organized by The Knowles Chair, Northeastern University ... Congratulations go to Kristi Dunn of the Law School and husband Joe Jovell, who were married on Oct. 4. They honeymooned in St. Lucia ... University Police Officers Frederick DePeiza, Darren Phaen and Walter White graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy's 16-week State Special Police Officers Program on Sept. 19 ... Kenneth Eaton of Health Services married Suzanne Peterson on Oct. 10. Congratulations to Liz Edgers of Human Resources. She married Eric Berman on August 31 at White Cliffs, The Wesson Estate in Northborough ... Valerie Epps of the Law School is the vice president of the American Branch of the International Law Association ... Jerry Gianakis, Public Management, was elected to the Executive Council of MassASPA, the local chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. He was invited to serve on the management team of the incoming president of the national society ... Cecil Hunt, Law School, is the president of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association ... Congratulations to Annette Iebba of Student Accounts and husband, Raffaele, on the birth of their daughter, Daniela, on April 17. She weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz. ... Edward Jarvis, Management, was appointed chairman of the board of Macrosoft, a computer software and consulting company located in Massachusetts and India ... Marilyn Jurich of English was a finalist for the Dana Award, a prize given for a body of poems deemed worthy of publication ... Charles Kindregan, Law School, was elected to the Family Law Roundtable, a national group with two representatives from each section of the country. He was also reelected to the board of directors of the Probate and Family Inn of Court ...
Faculty Focus

Darlene C. Chisholm, Economics, has published two papers. “Two-Part Share Contracts, Risk, and the Life Cycle of Stars: Some Empirical Results from Motion-Pictures Contracts,” in the Journal of Cultural Economics (Vol. 28, No. 1, 2004). Her second paper, “Heterogeneous Preferences and Location Choice with Multi-Product Firms,” appears in the journal Regional Science and Urban Economics. It was co-authored with George Norman at Tufts University and is a direct result of a two-year (2001-2003), $30,000 research grant they received from the DeSantis Center for Motion Pictures Industry Studies at Florida Atlantic University to conduct a research project titled “Spatial Competition and Product Differentiation in the U.S. Motion-Pictures Industry.”


Colette Dumas, Management, presented her paper, “The Present Moment is the Perfect Teacher. How Meditation Can Inform Our Teaching,” at the 30th Organizational Behavior Teaching Conference in Springfield in June.


Sanjiv Jaggia, Economics, co-authored two papers to be published in an upcoming issue of Journal of Banking and Finance. He has also presented “Advances in Investment and Portfolio Management” at meetings of European Financial Management and Midwestern Economics Association.


Charles Kindregan, Law School, co-authored with his daughter, Patricia Kindregan, a 1994 Suffolk Law grad, and Attorney Monroe Inker, the 3rd edition of the four-volume Family Law, published in August by West Publishing Co.


Alice LoCicero, Psychology, presented a paper with Justin Sinclair, “A Developmental Perspective on Osama bin Laden’s Leadership,” at the Adult Developmental Approaches to Terrorism and Its Leaders symposium for the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology in July. LoCicero chaired the symposium.


Tracy Noga, Accounting, presented two papers, “Behavioral Determinants of Students’ Intention in Participating in Teaching Evaluations” and “Evaluating Statistical Methodologies in a Taxpayer Elasticity Context” in August at the Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association in Honolulu, Hawaii.


Lewis Shaw, Accounting, co-authored, with Kevin Kimball (BYU-Hawaii), “Surf City, Quickbooks Pro 2003 Accounting Information System Analysis and Design,” AIS Section Compendium for Cases and Classroom (C3) Tools (supplement to Journal of Information Systems) and “The Relationship of Accounting Majors’ Cognitive Style and Technological Proficiency: Are Students Prepared to Enter an Increasingly Knowledge-Based Profession?”, Review of Business Information Systems. He also presented this paper at the AIS Educators’ Conference in Colorado in June.

Da Zheng, English, published an article on Chiang Yee in Mosaic (Spring 2003) and contributed an introduction to the reprint of The Silent Traveller in Edinburgh by Chiang Yee.
New Faculty Orientation - Building Community

New faculty from all three schools were given the opportunity to meet one another during a fall welcome luncheon on September 30. The gathering was organized to encourage interaction and improve communication across the faculty of the three schools, according to SSOM Associate Dean Richard Torrisi, who, as part of the President's Communication Council, organized the first-time event with his colleagues from the College and the Law School.

There are more than 32 new faculty joining the University this fall, according to Dean Torrisi. “With excellent academic credentials and academic experience, these talented colleagues continue the growth of an outstanding faculty at Suffolk University.”

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Alice LoCicero of Psychology received a master in business administration degree from the Simmons School of Management ... Melinda Lopez, Theatre, has been honored by the Huntington Theatre Company as a Playwriting Fellow ... Joe McCarthy of Education and Human Services completed a two-year term as a judge for the New England Historical Association’s annual book award ... Samantha Moppett, Law School, was a visiting professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law this past summer ... Tracy Noga of Accounting will be a co-chairperson for the First Annual Boston Jaycees Leadership Conference, held this month at The Boston Globe ... Creative Services’ Tracey Palmer was chair of the 2003 CASE District I Publications Awards Competition and host of the awards ceremony held at the District I annual conference in New York City. For the past six years she has been a member of CASE’s District I executive board and served as editor of the newsletter Case in Point ... Proud dad Richard Pizzano of the Law School sends word that a picture of his son, Richard, appeared in the June issues of Time and People magazines as part of a Webb of Psychology spoke at the annual conference of the Visitor Studies Organization Edward Albee’s The Zoo Story and The Proposal by Anton Chekhov. ... Charles Kindregan artistic director of Boston’s Coyote Theatre. This fall he is directing the premiere of Monticel by Russell Lees and will play the role of the anarchist Albert Parsons in the premiere of Haymarket by Zayd Dohrn. Both productions are at Boston Playwrights Theatre ... News from Senegal: Newly appointed executive director Lew Shaw of Accounting will be in Dakar in January, and Anne Blevins of Undergraduate Admission, who was named director of admissions for the Senegal campus, is already in Dakar. Look for a feature story on our Senegal campus in an upcoming issue of The SUN ... Associate Dean Susan Clark Thayer of CAS presented a workshop on the relationship between goals, objectives, assessment and program improvement using a student-centered process model at the six-campus Pima Community College in Tucson, Arizona. She also met with administrators from the six campuses to discuss strategies for making change ... Human Resources’ Lisa D’Amato Vigliotta and Lori Cawthorne presented “Fishing for Kudos! Employee Recognition and Motivation Programs That Work!” at the National Conference for the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in October. This year’s conference theme is “Making a Difference: Reaching New Heights in Higher Education HR Management” ... Robert Webb of Psychology spoke at the annual conference of the Visitor Studies Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in July. He presented a paper on “Understanding Affect” and participated in a session on “What Psychology Has to Offer Exhibit Design” ... James Whitt, Law School, completed the degree requirements for a master’s in American Studies degree at Umass Boston ... Elizabeth Wilson of Marketing will give a presentation at the Teaching Excellence session of the Society for Marketing Advances Doctoral Consortium. Liz will be part of a panel speaking to advanced doctoral students from universities in the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia ...
Doing Business in China

The University’s Center for International Education will host two leading business executives who will discuss the experience of doing business in China as capitalism emerged in the Communist state.


Briggs & Stratton produces and services engines for outdoor power equipment. It has a joint venture with Puling Machinery Works and Yimin Machinery Plant for the production of engines in China.

Milwaukee native Frederick Stratton was chairman and CEO of the company until his retirement in 2001, and Hamilton was based in Chongqing as he led the firm’s Asian operation, including joint ventures in China, Japan, India and the Philippines.

The lecture will take place Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the McLaughlin Moot Courtroom at Sargent Hall. A reception will follow in the function room.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact R. Scott Reedy; rreedy@suffolk.edu, ext. 4221

Brenda Laymance Named New Sports Information Director

Brenda Laymance is happy about returning to the world of fun and games.

“I saw an ad in my local paper, so I applied,” said Suffolk University’s new Sports Information Director (SID). “I wasn’t actively looking, but this caught my eye. I’m excited to be working back in sports again.”

Upon graduating from the University of Texas at Austin in 1982 with a degree in journalism, Laymance, who is from Houston, worked for one year as assistant sports information director at her alma mater. She then spent a few years working as a sports editor at various newspapers in Texas before becoming a sports correspondent at The Houston Chronicle for nearly six years.

Since 1997, Laymance has been the media director at the River Oaks International Tennis Tournament in Houston. This popular and spirited competition brings together some of the top men’s tennis players from around the globe. Laymance says she hopes to continue her role at the tournament, usually held one week in March.

“That’s if my schedule permits it,” she said with a smile.

Her varied experience also extends to the Olympic Games. She was press steward of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, as well as press assistant of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, and the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

“The whole Olympic experience makes you feel part of the team,” said Laymance. “It’s real emotional and something I love to do. You get to meet a lot of people from all over the world who take two or three weeks out of their lives to work as volunteers.”

Laymance, who will be working at Suffolk on a part-time basis, is also a classroom assistant at the McCarthy-Towne Elementary School in Acton, where she lives with her husband, Reid, senior assistant sports editor at The Boston Globe, and their two sons, Rane, 17, and Austin, 13.

Some of Laymance’s responsibilities in her new job include attending home games, promoting the accomplishments of Suffolk athletes and coaches to the media, creating brochures, maintaining the sports Web page and compiling statistical data.

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Brenda Laymance as the successor to legendary SID Lou Connelly at Suffolk University,” said Suffolk Athletic Director Jim Nelson. “Brenda’s previous experience in multi-sport categories, notably tennis tournaments, as well as the Olympic Games, provides our athletic department creative opportunities to benefit so many deserving student-athletes.”

Data Security Update

Federal regulations require the University to securely personally identifiable information on students and staff. Remember not to discard paper in your wastebaskets that contains any personal identifiable information—be sure to shred it. If you don’t have a shredder, there are shredder bins located in the Registrar’s Office, Student Accounts, Financial Aid, Sawyer 8th and 12th floors and the Treasurer’s Office.