DNC Influx Offers Opportunities on Campus

This July, the Boston Red Sox will not be the only big game in town.

That's because the Democratic National Convention (DNC) is coming to the FleetCenter from July 26-29, a political event that is certain to affect the lives of everyone within the local area and the Suffolk University community.

It is expected that 35,000 people will attend the convention including 6,000 delegates, 8,000 volunteers, 15,000 members of the media, dignitaries, diplomats and foreign honored guests. Nearly 100 Associated Press reporters have already reserved various classrooms at Suffolk University Law School.

Downtown Boston will be the political pulse of an entire nation and everyone should be prepared for the event of the year, held in Suffolk's own backyard.

"As soon as all the transportation and logistical issues are finalized, we will relay the appropriate information to everyone on campus," said Rosemarie

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President Links Past to Vision of Suffolk's Future

In his first State-of-the-University address to staff and administrators, President David J. Sargent struck a theme of openness and diversity as he discussed Suffolk's origins, its achievements and exciting possibilities for the future.

"We are in every measure a diverse institution," said President Sargent, as he told the story of the University's founder, Gleason Archer, gathering six men into his Roxbury parlor for the study of law. "It was a shameful period in the history of this country when only two percent of the population went to college and discrimination was rampant," he said of those days.

Now, in its 97th year of existence, Suffolk, with its 8,000 students "has experienced phenomenal growth and is a dynamic, exciting, energized place to be," President Sargent told the crowd that filled the C. Walsh Theatre on Wednesday, February 4.

However, there is a limit to how much growth President Sargent would like to see. "We're bombarded with applications for admission . . . but we can't accept them all," he said. "We believe we have a niche in higher education. Our formula for success is built on very talented faculty members - not research assistants - teaching very small classes."

However, the President did say that there has been discussion, although no decision, about adding academic units. Talk has centered on adding a School of Nursing and spinning off a School of Communication and Journalism, since that department is the largest in CAS.

The University's growth also has put undue pressure on its facilities, and one of its priorities is to find a new location for the Sawyer Library. The Health Services facilities also are inadequate, according to the President. He said the University is looking for additional space "not in the historic section of Beacon Hill but still close to other campus buildings." He said relocating the library will free up considerable space in the Sawyer Building for other uses.

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A Message From the Editor

Dear Readers,

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces at the C. Walsh Theatre when President Sargent spoke to staff and administrators early this month. The Theatre has been the site of many Suffolk gatherings over the years, and the open forum offered both a terrific opportunity to hear the President talk about the University’s successes and a chance to come together with colleagues.

The forum was organized by the President’s Communication Council, which is working to facilitate community building and communication within the University. CAS Associate Dean Susan Thayer, who introduced President Sargent, said that the President put the Communication Council in place as the result of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) self-evaluation. Through this self-study, the University recognized that it had grown to the point where people “couldn’t communicate over the water cooler” as they once had, said Thayer, who convenes the President’s Communication Council. The Council’s goal is to ensure that employees are informed of the events, activities and accomplishments of the Suffolk Community.

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We welcome your input as we work together to improve the exchange of information across the University.

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Sansone, director of Public Affairs and the DNC’s point person at Suffolk. “During the week of the DNC and the week prior to it, normal activity on campus and in the local region will be anything but routine.”

Coinciding with the DNC, Suffolk will play host to 200 students and up to 30 faculty and staff for a two-week academic program, sponsored by the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. Suffolk was chosen by the Washington Center because of its facilities and location at the center of state and local government and its proximity to the FleetCenter. The C. Walsh Theater, classrooms and residence hall rooms will be made available to the Washington Center students.

In addition, the Law School’s Adams Gallery will feature an exhibit with a “Presidential memorabilia theme” to it, according to Sansone. The University also has invited convention delegates and others to visit the campus to get a firsthand look at Suffolk and everything it has to offer. Access to function rooms, classrooms, conference rooms, the 400-seat C. Walsh Theater and other facilities will be made available.

“Having the DNC in Boston provides us with an ideal opportunity to showcase Suffolk University to a national audience,” said President Sargent. “We plan on becoming as accommodating as we possibly can in supporting the DNC each step of the way.

“While various activities during the DNC may present challenges, i.e. transportation, it should be a wonderfully exciting and stimulating time for all of us.”

New Director of Diversity Services Appointed

The University has chosen a new Assistant to the President and Director of Diversity Services, who is expected to join the University sometime in March. Dr. Eric Lee, who holds a PhD in Education, will be joining Suffolk University from the University of Nebraska/Lincoln, where he has been director of multicultural affairs and the TRIO program. Dr. Lee is pictured on page three.

Awards and Citations

Suffolk University is one of eight institutions selected to receive an award for its international programs from NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Suffolk was cited in part for its campuses in Madrid and Dakar, which were seen as unique in welcoming both local and U.S. students, providing a model for other campuses as they work toward internationalization.

Meanwhile, The Princeton Review’s 2005 edition of The Best Business Schools will include the Sawyer School of Management.
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President Sargent spoke proudly of awards and citations for Suffolk, including an award for international programs from NAFSA, The Association of International Educators; selection as one of Barron's Best Buys in College Education; a listing as one of the "Best Northeastern Colleges" in the Princeton Review, which also cited the Sawyer School of Management as one of the best business schools in the United States.

"This is a great place that could not function without all of you," he told the crowd. "I want to thank you for making this University for what it is."

The President, who will celebrate his 50th reunion with Law School classmates this year, said that he is looking forward to the future, particularly the Centennial celebration in 2006.

He recalled his early years teaching at Suffolk, when all the Law School professors could fit in one room, and the CAS and business school professors also were in one room across the hall. "That kind of closeness is difficult to hang onto when the numbers continue to grow," he said.

During a reception following the forum, Jim Kaufman, general manager of the Theatre Arts Department, said: "I feel President Sargent's message of inclusiveness was very inspiring, and it made me proud to be part of Suffolk University."

"This was the first time I heard the President speak on a personal level, and he was so sincere and spoke right from his heart," said Carol Maggio, secretary in the Athletics Department. "And it was good to see that he also has a sense of humor."

"I felt the President's address was very good and that we need more of them, maybe twice a year," said Joyce Miller, manager of Advancement Information Services (AIS). "I was really touched by his comments on the Centennial; turning 100 years old is really something that we can all look forward to."

Reflecting the sentiment that community building is important, Susan James Leyva, director of Off-Campus Housing and Enrollment Services, said: "It was good to see and say hello to everyone. It's hard today to get everybody together, especially with each of us taking on more responsibilities with less personnel."

"I learned a lot today," said Marie Pagliarulo, assistant in the Payroll Department. "It was interesting and helpful to hear what's going on in the University."
Potpourri

A SUNbeam on Deborah Armstrong of Facilities Management, the first woman at the University to be named a Mechanic II. When she came to Suffolk in November 2001, Armstrong was also the first woman utility worker on campus. “I like working with my hands. I like to fix things,” she said. “I love it here. This is the perfect place for me to do what I enjoy. I like to help people, even if it’s as simple as holding the door for someone.”... R. Lisle Baker of the Law School was elected president of the 2004-2005 Board of Aldermen in Newton. He is completing his 20th year on the Board. ... Edward J. Bander, retired emeritus law librarian, and daughter, Lida McGirr, BS’82, performed and wrote a one-act play, The Test, that was presented at the Acme Theater Productions in Maynard as part of a “New Works Winter Festival 2004.” ... Congratulations to the Media & Creative Services staff who have recently been promoted to the following positions: Roxana Canales, coordinator; Sarah Medina, managing associate director; and Christine Hagg, art director ... Darlene C. Chisholm, Economics, received the 2003 Carol and Bruce Mallen Prize for Published Scholarly Contributions to Motion Picture Industry Studies at the fifth annual workshop hosted by the Carl DeSantis Center for Motion Picture Industry Studies at Florida Atlantic University. At the workshop, she presented a paper, “Product Differentiation and Film-Programming Choice: Measuring Product Similarity in a Dynamic Panel Data Setting,” co-authored with George Norman of Tufts University. Chisholm also was inducted as an honorary fellow of the National Advisory Board of the DeSantis Center. ... Robert DeFillippi, Management, hosted the first Spirit of Innovation executive workshop in collaboration with SRI International and the Global Business Lecture series on “The Discipline of Innovation: Creating Compelling Customer Value” at the Marriott Hotel in Burlington. He also participated in the fifth annual Scholars Workshop for the Entertainment Industry sponsored by the DeSantis Center for Motion Picture Industry Studies at Florida Atlantic University College of Business in Fort Lauderdale. ... Vice President for Enrollment and International Programs, Marguerite J. Dennis, appeared on a Malawi, Africa, radio program at the invitation of the U.S. Embassy to answer caller’s questions about a U.S. State Department initiative for obtaining visas to study in the United States. ... Victoria Dodd of the Law School gave a presentation on section issues at the section leaders’ breakfast at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in January in Atlanta, Georgia. ... Daphne Durham of the Center for International Education is the New England regional coordinator and curriculum team member for the NAFSA Academy, a 20-month training program in the basics of international education. Lauren Grover, also of CIE is a participant in the program ... Ross Fuerman, Accounting, presented a paper at the American Accounting Association Auditing Section midyear meeting in January. He also was appointed to the editorial board of the journal Research in Accounting Regulation... The Offices of Women and Gender Programs and Career Services and Cooperative Education sponsored “Women of Suffolk: Successful Professionals Balancing Busy Lives.” Featured speakers were Wilma Busse, Counseling Center; Anne Cammisa, Government; Judy Minardi, Human Resources;... Continued on page 6

Free Tax Assistance

Suffolk University students will be preparing income tax returns, free of charge, every Tuesday through April 13. This program is part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and is sponsored by Suffolk’s chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honors society. VITA, now in its 35th year of service to taxpayers, provides free tax help to the community. The program works in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).

Suffolk University undergraduate accounting students and graduate students, as well as Suffolk University Law School students involved in the program, are trained in the preparation of taxes. The students are available to help Suffolk students, faculty and staff with both state and federal income tax returns. Assistance also is offered to people from outside the University who cannot afford paid professional assistance. Electronic filing is available.

Tracy Noga, assistant professor of accounting at Suffolk’s Sawyer School of Management, is training and supervising the students in the program. Tax returns will be prepared from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Sawyer School of Management, Room 522. No appointment is necessary. Taxpayers will be helped on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about the program, please contact Suffolk University’s Accounting Department at ext. 8652.

W-2 Forms Online

New Faces At Suffolk

Please welcome our newest employees!


Charitable Giving A Success

The Employee Charitable Giving Campaign for 2004 was quite successful. This year, through your generous donations, Suffolk raised a total of $31,196, with money being directed to the following agencies: United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Community Works, Oxfam, Earth Share and Community Health Charities.

At the end of the campaign, three lucky winners were drawn in the raffle. Lisa Vigliotta, Human Resources, won a Loew’s gift certificate for her prompt pledge card return; Marc Cregan, Advancement, won the gift certificate to Maggiano’s for his donation of at least $78; and Krisanne Bursik, Psychology, won the gift certificate to the Marriott Hotels for donating at least $175.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the campaign this year.

Faculty Focus


Jonathan Haughton, Economics, co-authored a report with John Barrett and Douglas Guiffre, "Blowing in the Wind: Offshore Wind and the Cape Cod Economy," published by the Beacon Hill Institute. The study reported the results of a survey, administered in July and August under the direction of David Paleologos, Government, of the attitudes of 498 tourists and 501 homeowners in six towns in Cape Cod and Martha’s Vineyard toward a project to site 130 large electricity-generating windmills in Nantucket Sound. The study, covered in The Boston Globe and The Cape Cod Times, has proved controversial: It found that people believe that the windmills will, on balance, hurt tourism on Cape Cod and reduce land values there.

Quentin Miller, English, published a reference volume essay on Ralph Ellison’s Invisible Man in American Writers Classics (Gale/Scribner’s Reference). Miller’s article “Deeper Blues: Cybernetic Renewal in Late Twentieth Century Novels” was accepted for publication in the journal American Literature.


Aurelio Valente, Student Activities, published an article, “Constituency Based Programming for New Students,” in the National Orientation Directors Association regional Fall 2003 newsletter. He also published “Extending Orientation Programs to International Campuses” in the Fall 2003 Massachusetts College Personnel Association newsletter. The article described the first structured orientation program on the Dakar, Senegal, campus in fall 2002.

and Meera Venkatramen, Marketing. ... Lin Guo, Finance, coordinated the 2003 Women's Networking Breakfast at the Financial Management Association meetings in Denver, Colorado, where she presented a paper "Share Prices, Bid-Ask Spreads, and the Costs of Issuing Equity." ... Nina Huntemann of Communication and Journalism spoke at Dartmouth College on her work on the image of women in video games. She also participated in a media literacy workshop hosted by Dartmouth for area high school students and teachers. ... Edith Kaplan of Psychology will be a visiting professor at the Vivian L. Smith Institute of the International Neuropsychological Society in Xylocastro, Greece, from June 21 to July 17. This year's topic is "The Human Frontal Lobes." Kaplan is one of 20 outstanding scientists from universities in America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia chosen to participate in the program. ... Daniel Ladik of Marketing was quoted in The Boston Globe's Business section on Jan. 14 in an article on Gillette's new Power Razor. ... Congratulations to Danny Luu, Student Accounts, on his promotion to assistant bursar. ... Charles Mambula of Management is the founding faculty adviser for the Suffolk Undergraduate Business and Careers Organization (SUBCO). ... This spring, Lydia Martin, NESADSU, will be exhibiting her work in a juried exhibit at the Visual Arts Center National Exhibition, Punta Gorda, Florida. She also recently exhibited her work in juried exhibits in North Carolina and Boston. ... Quentin Miller, English, presented two papers this fall: "Divided States: Teaching the Breaks in the American Myth" at the American Studies Association convention in Hartford, CT, and "'A Criminal Power': The Fire Next Time and the Law" at the Modern Language Association convention in San Diego, CA. ... The Law School Career Development Office has been keeping the stork busy! Congratulations to Elissa McMillen Aten and husband, Elliott, on the birth of their first child, Lindsey London, on Jan. 3 and to Dorothy Brooks Commons and husband, Paul, who welcomed a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, on Sept. 30. She joins brother, Ian at home. ... Rebecca Moryl of the Beacon Hill Institute served as project manager for the Commission to Assess the Operating Efficiency of State Government that identified potential cost savings for New Hampshire. Moryl spoke at a press conference with New Hampshire Governor Craig Benson. ... Congratulations and best wishes to Jean Neenan of the Alumni Relations Office on her Christmas Eve engagement to Tom Campbell. A July wedding is planned. ... John Nucci, Public Management, spoke on "Developing and Improving Community Relations Strategies" at the annual conference of Mass Access, the state chapter of the national organization, Alliance Of Community Media, at NEW-
Sawyer Library Supports Madrid & Dakar Campuses

The Sawyer Library is truly a global operation, providing research material not only for Suffolk University students in Boston, but also for students on the Madrid and Dakar campuses.

While the libraries on the overseas campuses are administered locally and have their own book budgets, they have full access to the Sawyer Library’s online databases, which offer more than 10,000 journals and 7,800 electronic books in support of the University’s curriculum.

“It’s an essential tool for them,” said Sawyer Library Director Robert Dugan, who noted that ensuring library access for all students is necessary for the accreditation process. “If they didn’t have these online databases, the overseas students wouldn’t have the same equity of access and availability of content.”

Dugan noted that, while it may be easy to search for a subject on Google or another online search engine, there is no guarantee that the material discovered will be accurate or up-to-date. “We stand behind the quality of our databases,” he said.

The Dakar and Madrid libraries have direct access to these materials and to the Sawyer Library’s online catalogue. Access to the databases also is available through log-in to remote users, including Suffolk students studying at the satellite campuses — Cape Cod Community, Dean and Merrimack colleges. “As long as they have a browser and access to the Internet, we can service any member of the Suffolk University community anywhere on the planet,” said Dugan.

Strike Up the Band

During the day, Bob DiGuardia is best known for his student information systems expertise. He is a master at what he does, a maestro at the computer.

Away from the office, however, he lets his hair down and follows a completely different tune. That’s when this hip 50-year-old trades in his computer skills for his musical talents, serving as the lead singer and guitarist of a local nine-piece band, appropriately named, “The Young & the Rest of Us.”

“We don’t make a lot of money, but we do have a lot of fun,” laughed Bob (BSJ ‘82 and MED ‘88), Suffolk’s director of administrative computing for Management Information Systems (MIS). “We play about once a month in the Boston area, and we do quite a few benefits.

“This is our therapy. It’s just something we’ve always done, and we really enjoy doing it.”

The band is comprised of five men in their 40s or 50s and four musicians in their 20s, including DiGuardia’s son, Chris (CJN ‘00), 26. Years ago, when only the four elder musicians performed, the band played under the bright lights and the cute moniker, “Midlife Crisis.”

“That’s when we were all old guys,” said Bob, smiling.

DiGuardia has been working at Suffolk for 30 years and playing on stage even longer. He and his friends were so young when they started their first band that they had to be escorted to where they were playing. “None of us had our license,” he said. “We had to hire someone to drive us around in a van.”

Over the years, DiGuardia and his band have played at various colleges, nightclubs and weddings, entertaining crowds with an assortment of classic rock and oldies. “People between the ages of 40-60 are our audience,” said Bob. “We play music that they grew up with as teenagers.”

He mentioned that he shares the same close relationship with his colleagues at work as he does with his band members. “The people in my office and around campus are like my second family,” said Bob, who is also an adjunct professor at Suffolk. “What I respect the most about the people I work with is that they wouldn’t tell someone to do something that they wouldn’t do themselves.”

DiGuardia and his band practice two or three times a month in the basement of his Wilmington home. His son, David, 17, a senior and president of the National Honor Society at Matignon High School in Cambridge, is following in his footsteps, now singing in his own band of high school students.

And what about Mary DiGuardia (BA ’74, MED ’75, CAGS ’85)? “We have a pretty musical family,” said Bob, “but my wife only likes to listen.”
Event Planning Made Simple

Coordinating an event on campus can be frustrating if one doesn’t know where to begin. Aurelio Valente, Suffolk University’s director of student activities and service learning, has made planning an event less difficult by offering sessions on One Stop Event Operations.

Valente is collaborating with the Physical Plant, Media Services, University Police, Food Services and Theatre departments to streamline the event-planning process. An Event-Planning Group has been put together to answer questions on how to execute a successful event.

“A person or group planning an event for the first time doesn’t know who all the primary contacts are,” said Dining Service Director Tom Fuller. “If you’ve never planned an event before, then this is a great way to learn the process.”

Before attending the meetings it is important to gather key information regarding your event, such as the number of people attending, the date and the time. The more information you have available, the easier it will be to collaborate with the event planners.

If you have an event coming up and you’re not sure where to turn, then you should drop by a One Stop Event Operations session on either March 10 or April 7, 3:30 to 4 p.m. in Donahue 535.

A Super Sized Celebration

The Student Performing Arts Department is presenting a play, The Laramie Project, February 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. in the C. Walsh Theatre. This production looks at the effects of hate crime and media on the small town on Laramie, Wyoming, following the torture and murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard. It brings together a cast of faculty, students and staff of the University community. Also, Judy Shepard will speak to the Suffolk community on “The Legacy of Matthew Shepard” at 1 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, in the C. Walsh Theatre.

Gender Issues Council Created

In an effort to provide services and programs that reflect the unique needs of both men and women on the Suffolk University campus, the Dean of Students Office has created the Gender Issues Council. The Gender Issues Council will be comprised of faculty, staff, and students and will meet twice a semester to address a variety of issues.

Among their goals is to discuss gender-related issues on the Suffolk University campus, identify trends, areas of concern, and potential solutions.