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New Directions for Diversity Services

Eric E. Lee, Suffolk's new assistant to the president/director of diversity services, is a man who loves travel and competitive sports and is enthusiastic about living and working in Boston.

"I'm really excited to be coming to Boston. It's a beautiful city with a rich history," said Dr. Lee, who joined Suffolk's administrative team in mid-March. "This is a really exciting opportunity for my family."

The Kansas native comes to Suffolk from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he was director of Multicultural Affairs and TRIO Programs. His wife Dana and son Eric Jr. will join Lee after young Eric finishes the school year.

Lee will work with President David J. Sargent to shape a diversity plan for the University. In fact, he was drawn to Suffolk when he saw its commitment and support for campus diversity.

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"Check, Please"

People walking in and out of the office. Phones ringing off the hook. Fax machine thumping along in perfect rhythm. E-mails piling up at a rapid rate. Welcome to Suffolk University's Payroll Office, an extremely popular and busy place no matter what page of the calendar is tacked on the wall.

"It's constant go, go, go," said Payroll Manager Ann Marie Holland. "There's never a dull moment, and it's like that all year long."

Holland is responsible for the monthly payroll of approximately 1,000 administrators and faculty members. Payroll Assistant Marie Pagliarulo is in charge of the weekly payroll of nearly 300 support staff, while Payroll Assistant Pamela DeMeo takes command of the bi-weekly payroll consisting of more than 800 students.

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A Message to Readers

Dear Readers:

I continue to marvel at the tremendous energy so many people at Suffolk are putting into their work.

The Law School staff must have done triple time to prepare for the ABA team's visit at the end of February. Meanwhile, the Theatre Department had a packed schedule with performances of *The Laramie Project* and preparations for April's presentation of Stephen Sondheim's *Assassins*.

All the subcommittees and teams working on segments of the University's strategic plan are busy researching and brainstorming as they strive to complete reports by the end of May. The Commencement Committee has begun planning this year's ceremony at the Fleet Pavilion. A branding initiative has the School of Management humming, and its AACSB-International self-study is under way. The College is beginning its strategic planning process, and our Enrollment office is looking at another great year, with a healthy flow of applications for admission. The Advancement folks have been on the road, spreading the good news about Suffolk at alumni receptions in California and Florida.

We all have much to be excited about as the University continues to grow and to prepare for its Centennial celebration. Much effort will be required of everyone, but, as we lead up to 2006, I know we all look forward to a year when we will proudly put Suffolk University in the spotlight.

Rosemarie Sansone

Diversity Services

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"Several things about Suffolk impressed me," said Lee, citing the variety of programs and diversity-oriented activities, such as SAFE ZONE, a program that supports gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people on campus. "When considering a place where I could make a difference, Suffolk stood out. President Sargent was extremely supportive, and I knew he was the sort of person I wanted to work with."

Lee anticipates steering the University's diversity programs in new directions, and he sees himself being very student oriented, with serious involvement in academic support programs and recruitment.

"We are very pleased to have Eric on board, and I foresee him being a dynamic addition to our continuing efforts to promote diversity that are so important to our mission here at Suffolk," said President Sargent.

Lee holds a bachelor of science degree in sociology and a master of science degree in education from Wayne State College and a Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska.

In his leisure time, Lee enjoys playing basketball a couple of times a week. He was a three-year starter on the Wayne State College football team. He is well traveled, and has visited Ghana and lived for awhile in South Africa.

His commitment to community service has seen him serve as the co-organizer of the Black Male Empowerment Summit and National Membership Chair of Brothers of the Academy Institute (BOTA). Dr. Lee is the founder of Tee Up Fore Talent, a golf scholarship fundraiser aimed at increasing the number of African American educators. He has been a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; the Lincoln Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Nebraska Network of Educational Renewal.

Lee recently was selected as one of 30 Emerging Leaders under 30 by Ebony Magazine and one of 20 Nebraska Leaders under 40 by the Lincoln Journal Star Newspaper. He also was awarded the Melvin W. Jones Mentoring Award for his work with African American males.

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Adams Gallery Presents
The Price of Freedom: Anthony Burns and the Fugitive Slave Act

Through artifacts, graphics and text, The Price of Freedom: Anthony Burns and the Fugitive Slave Act explores the story of a fugitive slave arrested and tried in Boston 150 years ago. The exhibit, running from March 18 through May 10, 2004, at the Adams Gallery, paints a fascinating picture of Boston in the mid-19th century, when it was a hotbed of abolitionist activity.

United States Marshals seized Anthony Burns on May 24, 1854, two months after he escaped from a Virginia slave owner. The 20-year-old fugitive spent eight days in a cell at the federal courthouse while abolitionists struggled unsuccessfully to keep the government from returning him to slavery. As he was led to the ship that would carry him back to Virginia, 50,000 people lined Boston’s streets to protest his fate. Every street along the route was draped in black, and flags hung upside-down. A huge coffin labeled Liberty was suspended across State Street. It took 2,000 soldiers and Marines at a cost of $40,000 to return Anthony Burns to slavery, and the nation took notice of the activism on behalf of this young man.

The Price of Freedom: Anthony Burns and the Fugitive Slave Act is organized by Discovering Justice: The James D. St.Clair Court Education Project, a non-profit civic education organization and The Bostonian Society, Boston’s city history museum.

This project was funded in part by the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities.

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“We work very closely with HR (Human Resources) ensuring all the information we have in our database is accurate and updated,” explained Holland. “We cover everything from how many deductions and what kind of pension a person has to where the checks should be sent. There’s a lot involved before someone gets paid.”

Once everything is ready, Holland, Pagliarulo and DeMeo electronically transmit their respective payrolls to Automatic Data Processing (ADP) in Waltham, the world’s leading payroll processor. The following day, a package containing checks (including a disk and a hard copy version) is delivered to the Payroll Office from ADP.

“Direct deposit is the sensible thing to do, but you’d be surprised how many people don’t use it,” said Holland in disbelief. “A total of 40 percent of our students, 20 percent of our support staff and 30 percent of our administrators and faculty don’t have direct deposit. We want everyone to be set up for direct deposit and our Ipay system.”

The ADP “Ipay” on-line pay statement system has been in existence for almost a year at Suffolk. According to Holland, a Web-based time sheet system, developed by Resource Navigation of Waltham, will make its way onto the Suffolk scene in the near future. She even mentioned the possibility of pay cards (where a person’s money would be available on a item similar to a charge card) replacing paper checks.

“We want to get rid of all the paper so we can pay employees more quickly,” said Holland. “These improvements have made us much more computer savvy. We’re trying to take advantage of all the new technology out there, leaving us more time to better serve our employees and students.”

When you witness the close bond between Holland, Pagliarulo and DeMeo, it’s easy to understand why the Payroll Office is so successful. “We feel like family here,” said Pagliarulo. “We have a very good support system.”

Added DeMeo, also known as ‘Payroll Pam,’ “We always help each other out. I’d be lost without these two.”

Almost once a month, they gather locally for dinner and a movie. Pagliarulo, who will graduate in May with her undergraduate degree in accounting, admits to getting a discount on her movie ticket by using her student ID.

“Why not?” she laughed. “Anything to save a buck.”
Potpourri

Eric Blumenson, Law School, was selected to the Visiting Professionals Program of the Prosecutor’s Office of the International Criminal Court (ICC). He will be at The Hague this spring working for the prosecutor and conducting research on the ICC’s first year of operations. ... For the fifth year, The Beacon Hill Institute has participated in the annual Job Shadow Day sponsored by Boston Private Industry Council. Three students from Madison Park Technical Vocational High School in Boston shadowed Frank Conte, who commented on the experience, “The inner workings here at BHI offer a solid preview of the world of work and the range of career opportunities available in the market after the completion of an education.” BHI/SU is committed to sharing its resources with the Boston Public Schools. ... Adenkan A. Dedeko of Information Systems & Operations Management gave a presentation on “Information Technology Adoption: Case Studies on the Impact of Pre- and Post-Adoption Activities on User Perceptions” at the proceedings of the 2003 Northeast Decision Sciences Institute Conference in Providence, R.I. He also presented Adoption of Technology in Services Sector: Impact of Pre-Adoption and Post-Adoption Activities on the HRM Function at the HRM TECHII conference, CERAM, European School of Management, Sophia Antipolis, France. ... Valerie Epps, Law School, is the chair of the International Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) for 2003-2004. She organized a panel, “The New Architecture of International Law After Iraq,” at the AALS annual conference held in Atlanta, Ga., in January. ... Steve Ferrey, Law School, addressed the Conference of New England Governors on March 16 at the Law School, the host site for the conference on climate change. His topic was regional adaptation to global warming. He also recently participated in a two-day symposium with other environmental law professors at Harvard Law School. ... Jerry A. Gianakis, Public Management, was appointed vice chair of the Center for Accountability and Performance sponsored by the American Society for Public Administration and was named to the management team of the incoming president. Gianakis will become chairperson in 2005. ... Audrey Goldstein, NESADSU, has an exhibition, “modus mutus,” on display at the Kingston Gallery in Boston. ... Jonathan Haughton of Economics and the Beacon Hill Institute was in Lebanon for two weeks in January at the request of the Office of the Prime Minister to undertake a comprehensive assessment of the country’s tax system, including an assessment of who really bears the tax burden in the country. He is working on the analysis with colleagues at the Beacon Hill Institute and will return to Lebanon in the spring to present the results. While there, he drove over the mountains into the Beqa’a valley to tour the Roman ruins at Baalbek and climbed through the snow of the Chouf Mountains to see some of the Cedars of Lebanon. Haughton said: “Beirut is a vibrant, safe city which is working hard to reclaim its reputation as the Paris of the Mediterranean.” ... Ruth Hegarty, Communication and Journalism, graduated from the Coach U’s Coach Training Program in January. This is a 200+ hour personal- and business-coaching program that is accredited by the International Coach Federation. She also has completed phase one of a three-phase multi-year certification process. ... Nina Huntemann, Communication and Journalism, appeared on the Comcast news program, CN8 Nightbeat with Barry Nolan, on Feb. 23. She discussed the final episode of HBO’s Sex

Celebrating Grant

The Beacon Hill Institute received a $100,000 grant from Altria Corporate Services to provide three of the Institute’s State Tax Analysis Modeling Programs to policy groups around the country. Pictured from left: John Ostronic, Altria; David G. Tuerck, Executive Director of BHI and Chairman of Economics; Rebecca Moryl, Director of Operations and Adjunct Professor of Statistics; John Barrett, Director of Research and Adjunct Professor of Economics.
Faculty Publications


Nancy Upton (Puccinelli), Marketing, has published a paper "Effect of Dyadic Context on Judgments of Rapport: Dyad Task and Partner Presence" in the *Journal of Nonverbal Behavior*.

Da Zheng, English, published an article "Writing of Home and Home of Writing: Chinese American Diaspora and Literary Imagination" in the *Journal of Comparative American Studies*.

Promotion and Tenure Announcements

Suffolk University’s Board of Trustees has approved promotions and tenure for the following faculty members effective July 1, 2004:

**Promotions – College of Arts and Sciences:**
- Dr. Amy Agigian was promoted to Associate Professor of Sociology
- Mark Brus was promoted to Associate Professor of the New England School of Art and Design
- Dr. Lynda Field was promoted to Associate Professor of Psychological Services
- Laura Golly was promoted to Professor of the New England School of Art and Design
- Dr. Quentin Miller was promoted to Associate Professor of English
- Dr. Sebastian Royo was promoted to Associate Professor of Government
- Dr. Lauri Umansky was promoted to Professor of History

**Tenure – College of Arts and Sciences:**
- Dr. Kevin Carragee, Associate Professor of Communications and Journalism
- Dr. Darlene Chisholm, Associate Professor of Economics
- Karen Clarke, Associate Professor of the New England School of Art and Design
- Dr. Thomas Connolly, Associate Professor of English
- Dr. Jonathan Haughton, Associate Professor of Economics
- Dr. Melissa Haussman, Associate Professor of Government
- Dr. Maureen Norton-Hawk, Associate Professor of Sociology
- Dr. Elisabeth Sandberg, Associate Professor of Psychology

**Promotion and Tenure – Sawyer School of Management:**
- Teresa Nelson was promoted to Associate Professor of Management and awarded tenure
- Lewis Shaw was promoted to Associate Professor of Accounting and awarded tenure

**Sabbaticals approved for SSOM faculty effective July 1, 2004:**
- Ruth Ann McEwen, Professor of Accounting, was granted a half-year sabbatical leave
- Lin Guo, Associate Professor of Finance, was granted a full-year sabbatical leave
- Mawdudur Rahman, Professor of Finance, was granted a 20th year sabbatical leave for the academic year of 2004-2005

**Note:** During its meeting on March 31, the Board of Trustees at Suffolk University Law School were scheduled to approve promotions and tenure status of Law School faculty members. The results will appear in the next issue of the SUN.
in the City. ... Beverly Kahn of Information Systems & Operations Management was a member of the program committee and chaired a session at the recent 2003 International Conference on Information Quality at MIT. She also was a doctoral oral examiner for Helinä Melkas at Helsinki University of Technology. ... Charles Kindregan, Law School, had the 3rd edition of the four-volume book on Massachusetts Family Law 2003 (co-authored with M. Inker and P. Kindregan) reviewed by the Hon. Eileen Shaevel in the Feb. 2 edition of Mass Lawyer's Weekly. He also spoke to the Family Law Roundtable in Virginia on the historical development of marriage in the light of the Supreme Judicial Court's decision in Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health. On Feb. 11 Kindregan participated in a one-hour interview with Jack Williams on WBZ Radio. He also was interviewed on Fox TV. ... At the American Marketing Association Educator's winter conference held in February in Scottsdale, Ariz., three members of the Marketing Department presented research papers. They were: Dan Ladik, "The Internet as a Service Coupon Delivery Mechanism: Consumer Perceptions of Coupon Use Utility for Internet Versus Direct Mail Delivery Alternatives"; Sungmin Ryu, "Environments and Performance: The Mediating Effect of Unilateral and Bilateral Control Mechanisms in Buyer-Seller Relationships"; and Elizabeth J. Wilson, "Qualitative Data Handling and Analysis with HyperResearch." Also, an article co-authored by Wilson, "Case Study Research Methods for Theory Building," was selected as Article of the Year 2003 by the editorial review board of the Journal of Business and Industrial Marketing. ... Susan Martelli of Alumni Relations and husband, Donald (formerly of the Public Affairs Office), welcomed their first child, Kayla, on Feb. 18. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces. ... Roberta Miller, Second Language Services, was named to the 2004-2005 edition of Who's Who in American Education and was elected to Who's Who Among American Women for 2004-2005. ... Perry Moriearty of the Juvenile Justice Center and husband Kyle are the proud parents of a daughter, Mia (8 pounds, 5 ounces), born on Feb. 16. ... Susan Nichter, NESADUS, has work included in the exhibition Twilight/Moonlight at the Cahoon Museum of American Art. ... Congratulations to Gary Wallace, who was promoted to associate director of cooperative education, and to Michele Rapp on her promotion to associate director of graduate student career services. ... Jay Julian Rosellini of Humanities and Modern Languages is included in the 2004 edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. ... Michael Rustad, Law School, was a featured speaker at Chapman University Law Review's Symposium on Consumer Protection in January. ... Steve Spitzer, Sociology, was awarded a $15,000 grant from the Sociological Initiatives Foundation for his project, "Closing the Circle: Men's Groups from Community to Prison to Community," a joint venture with the Jericho Circle Project, Inc. The project's goal is to bring together former inmates, along with professional administrators and researchers, to utilize and develop community resources and build bridges between ex-offenders and men's groups in the community. Spitzer's project was among five funded by the Foundation, which received over 160 concept papers. ... Colleagues from the Second Language Services Program, Eva Ververidis, Linda Werbner, Mary Buchinger Bodwell, Susan McEwen and Lia Borges, recently presented at the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference in Baltimore on research in learning to respond to student writing. ... Joseph Ready of Law Admissions is recruiting walkers for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk, a three-day event scheduled for July 30 to Aug. 1. He is captain of the Suffolk team, whose goal is to have at least 20 walkers from the University community participating in an effort to raise $60,000 for the cause. For more information contact him at jready@suffolk.edu...
The Gift of Life

This past December, Dorothy Zahir presented her cousin, Joseph Lanzo, with the greatest gift one human being can possibly give to another – the gift of life.

While most people were focusing on Christmas, zipping in and out of malls, Zahir found herself lying on an operating table at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She took the spirit of giving during the holiday season to a new level – offering her left kidney to an extended family member.

"I believe we're only put on this earth to give," said Zahir, Suffolk University's Director of International Alumni Relations, Center for International Education. "I believe in God and God is about giving."

She remembers the close relationship she and her cousin shared while growing up. "We were like brother and sister," she recalls. "We would joke around and laugh all the time."

Joseph Lanzo, 40, a detective with the Phoenix (AZ) Police Department, was diagnosed with Lupus when he was 16 years old. The disease destroyed his kidneys when he was in his late 20s, forcing him to receive two kidney transplants, one lasting four years and the other ten.

At the end of 2002, Zahir, 41, received a phone call from Lanzo, listening to his cries for help. His kidneys were failing once again. She then transformed herself from loving cousin to guardian angel.

"Because I have four children (daughters Alisa, 20, LeeAnn, 17, and Samantha, 14, and son Tanvir, 6), it was a big decision to donate an organ," explained Zahir (BSBA '99) of Malden. "I had to make sure my family was comfortable with my going forward with the donation."

Once she received her family's blessing, Zahir, along with Lanzo, had to go through an intense series of medical testing. The results were not good – they were a positive cross match, meaning they could not proceed with the operation. It was then July of 2003 and doctors realized that Lanzo, who was on dialysis at the time, would probably always be a positive cross match with any donor because of his previous transplants.

"It was hard for Joe and his health was failing each day that passed," said Zahir.

Last September, their prayers were answered when they learned that the Mayo Clinic does kidney transplants for positive cross matches. Zahir and Lanzo flew to Minnesota on December 1, and their procedure took place nine days later. Following a recovery period of approximately four weeks, Zahir returned to work at Suffolk in early January.

Today, Lanzo, who is married and the father of three, is doing well. He plans on returning to work soon and is forever grateful to Zahir, allowing him to lead a normal existence once again.

"Dorothy has given me my life back," said Lanzo. "She stepped up to the plate when I really needed her."

Marguerite J. Dennis, Vice President of Enrollment and International Programs at Suffolk said, "Dorothy has always been a very generous and caring person. We are all so proud of her."

Zahir, who has been working at Suffolk for nine years, says she appreciates how cooperative and understanding the University has been during her tough ordeal. "I couldn't have done this without the support of VP Dennis and my colleagues," she said.

Reflecting on what she has accomplished brings an immediate smile to her face. It is one of those special memories that will last forever, popping in her mind and tugging at her heartstrings at any given moment.

"Changing another person's life in such a positive way," said Zahir, "is the best feeling you can get."
A Presidential Performance

Scott Reedy, Director of International Student Programming, portrayed Philip Dubois, President of the University of Wyoming, in The Laramie Project, which ran February 25-27 at the C. Walsh Theatre. (Photo by Roger Ide.)

Poetry Center to Put Suffolk on Boston Literary Map

A February reading by acclaimed Palestinian-American poet Naomi Shihab Nye was the first in a series of literary events sponsored by the newly established Suffolk University Poetry Center, which is dedicated to activities that further the study and writing of poetry.

"I tapped into some energy in myself and in the University at large in creating the Poetry Center," said English Professor and poet Frederick Marchant, who, as director of the Creative Writing Program, has brought literary figures to the University for years. He wants to bring national and international authors to campus for poetry readings "to put us on the landscape of the literary world of Boston."

Marchant has been involved in offering writing workshops and other literary activities around the country. Now he hopes that the Poetry Center will become the hub of such activities for the Suffolk campus.

The concept of the Poetry Center came to Marchant when he rediscovered the Zieman Poetry Collection, consisting of about 400 books donated to the Sawyer Library about 50 years ago by Irving Zieman. The collection dates from 1675 through 1930, and the books are valuable teaching tools, both in terms of poetry and the history of publishing. They are in excellent condition, and, while an appraisal does not show them to be valuable as rare books, this is, in some respects, a blessing, as the books can be handled, rather than locked away for preservation.

Sawyer Library Director Robert Dugan will include space for the Poetry Center when he writes up plans for a new library space, according to Marchant.

Having a dedicated space in the library opens up many possibilities for Poetry Center activities, including classes, workshops and outreach for high school seniors.

Marchant also would like to see the Poetry Center "add to the wealth of the library and the University by collecting valuable books, broadsides and autographed volumes." Marchant also aims to build a collection of contemporary literary journals.

The Center will house an audio-visual archive of the activities of the Poetry Center, an effort that began with the videotaping of Nye's reading in February. A Web site and newsletter are projected.

The inauguration of the Poetry Center will take place next fall, with an appearance by award-winning author Maxine Hong Kingston. She writes both fiction and nonfiction and received the National Book Critic's Circle Award for her first book, The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts, and again for its sequel, China Men.

A visit by Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney also is expected in the fall.

Poet and editor Tom Wood of Boa Editors, a literary press, read from his new book in March 2004, and Fiona McCrae, director of Graywolf Press, will speak about women in publishing, also next fall.

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History