Faculty Warm to Dakar Teaching Opportunity

Faculty returning from two-week teaching stints at Suffolk's Dakar campus rave about the students, the warmth of Senegalese hospitality and the opportunity for engagement at an international level. But change is in the air, and faculty members increasingly will be asked to make a semester-long commitment to teach in Dakar.

When Suffolk founded its Dakar campus in 1999, most semester courses were taught in an intensive two-week format by Suffolk's Boston faculty, according to Lew Shaw, executive director of Suffolk University-Dakar.

"The two-week format has been very difficult for both students and faculty," he said. "However, during the initial stages of growth, it was the only way to fulfill accreditation requirements and ensure the same quality of education offered at our other campuses."

Suffolk University receives $2 million gift from Nathan Miller

Nathan Miller, one of Boston's most successful commercial property investors and managers, has given Suffolk University a gift of $2 million, the largest outright gift in the University's history, which will be used to name the residence hall at 10 Somerset Street.

This fall, when the Nathan R. Miller Residence Hall is officially named during a dedication ceremony, his history with this special address and the University will come full circle. As a boy growing up on Beacon Hill, Miller spent much of his time at the Burroughs Newsboys Foundation, the current site of Suffolk's new residence hall at 10 Somerset Street. The Burroughs Newsboys Foundation, whose founder, Harry E. Burroughs, was a Suffolk Law alumnus, also held events at the old Boston City Club, which is now Suffolk's Sawyer School of Management.

"Nathan Miller has long been a good friend and neighbor to Suffolk University," said President David J. Sargent. "This magnificent gift is a testament to this special friendship and an important complement to the Beacon Hill neighborhood. The Nathan R. Miller Residence Hall already is a central focal point on our campus, and it offers our students a dynamic and supportive environment in which to learn and grow."

Miller, who received an honorary degree from Suffolk in 2003, said: "When a person has success in an area, they have to return some of that success to the area. I lived on the Hill all through my public school education, and I went by Suffolk University constantly during the day and never realized that I'd get to this state, for which I'm grateful."
A Message to Readers

Dear Readers:

It's been a reflective summer with many changes taking place on campus.

As you will read in this issue, several offices are relocating to 73 Tremont Street and elsewhere on campus, and we are preparing for a robust incoming class. The University is filled with the hustle and bustle of all the activities that go with these changes. Signage, directories, stationery and publications are being changed, and people are adjusting to walking to parts of the campus they seldom frequented in the past. Along with all of these adjustments comes the integration of dialogue and "on-the-spot" communication to help the changes proceed smoothly.

As we watch different parts of the campus come together, we see the interaction of these constituents taking place on a daily basis. For those of us constantly stimulating internal communication, it is a delight to watch. September is shaping up to be one of our busiest ever, and for those interested in what's happening, please rely on the Campus Cruiser Calendar for up-to-date information.

The difficult change and cause of much reflection, of course, was the passing of Dean Emeritus Michael R. Ronayne, Jr. An aura of nostalgia and sadness enveloped the campus the week of July 18. People constantly remarked how his life and his commitment to Suffolk coincided with an era that is so intertwined with our history. Many conversations and reminiscences centered on rich stories and fond memories of happier times and on Mike Ronayne's lifetime commitment and devotion to an institution and career he truly loved.

Dean Ronayne will be honored with a memorial service to be held sometime in October.

Rosemarie E. Sansone
Executive Editor

Red Sox Trivia Answers

In June we posed a series of trivia questions about the Boston Red Sox and asked readers to visit the Adams Gallery for answers. Here, with some added detail, are the correct answers. There is still time to visit Touching All the Bases: A Red Sox History, which is at the Adams Gallery through September 30. The gallery, in Sargent Hall, is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Q. What was the original name of the Red Sox?
A. The Boston Somersets, named for the original owner, Charles W. Somers.

Q. What other name, of colonial origin, was used before the team settled on Red Sox?
A. The Boston Pilgrims, 1903-1906.

Q. What year did the team first play in Boston?
A. The Red Sox were founded in Boston in 1901, when the American League began competing against the National League. (The National League Boston Braves had been in the city since 1871, when they were known as the Boston Red Stockings.)

Q. Where was the original Red Sox ballpark?
A. The Sox played at the Huntington Avenue Grounds, where the deep center field—635 feet—was considered a boon to pitchers. A statue of Cy Young now stands on the site of the ballpark, on the Northeastern University campus. The Red Sox played there until Fenway Park opened in April 1912, on the same day the Titanic sank.

Q. What American League team hosted the first World Series?
A. The Red Sox hosted, and won, the first World Series in 1903.

Q. How many world championships did the Red Sox win before 2004?
A. The Red Sox won the World Series five times—in 1903, 1912, 1915, 1916 and 1918—before their 2004 victory. While the Red Sox weren't in contention in 1914, the World Series did come to Boston, and the Braves were victorious.

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No Sleepy Summer for Growing University

The University is well prepared to welcome another record-setting freshman class, with new programs in place and a summer spent refreshing existing facilities, moving additional departments into 73 Tremont Street and contemplating space needs into the future.

The University had set a target of admitting 1,100 freshmen this fall. "We will be close to that target," said Provost Patricia Maguire Meservey. "Admissions has done a fabulous job both in recruiting students and enrolling them."

The number of freshmen applications increased by more than 24 percent over last year, and there were significant increases in applications from AHANA and international students. More than 350 students are on the waiting list.

Director of Undergraduate Admission John Hamel noted that there was a 59 percent increase in applications for early action admissions, as well as a rise in the overall quality of early action applicants.

The College of Arts and Sciences Honors program got off to a strong start, with 18 students enrolled from an applicant field of 139. Students in the program will come to Suffolk from 13 different states and one foreign country.

The honors program is one of three pilots for freshmen this year. The College also is offering a freshman seminar program, and the University has created a first-year experience program with 10 sections, six in the college, and four in the Business School, according to Registrar Mary Lally.

"A key element of the first-year experience program is to help acclimate students, to help them succeed," said Meservey, who said about 200 students have enrolled. The pilot programs are "very exciting and support the University's efforts to continue strengthening the curriculum.

Meanwhile, the transition into 73 Tremont St. continues. Those moving to the building in the summer and early fall include:

- Health Services (5th floor)
- Sociology Department (5th floor)
- Undergraduate Admissions (5th floor)
- Vice President Marguerite Dennis & Dean Walter Caffey with Enrollment Management and International Programs (7th floor)
- Dean of Student Affairs Nancy Stoll and her staff (12th floor)
- Business School Dean William O'Neill and the SSOM graduate dean's offices (12th floor)

The Beacon Hill Institute also was scheduled to move, to the NESADSU building at 75 Arlington St. Additional moves are foreseen as space is reallocated around campus.

The Facilities Management Department has taken advantage of the quieter summer period to renovate, paint and perform preventive maintenance throughout the University.

Major facade work on 150 Tremont Street and renovation of a stadium-style classroom in the Donahue Building were among the more obvious projects. But painters also repainted the residence halls in their entirety and redid all the Sawyer Building classrooms over the course of the summer, according to Brian McDermott, assistant director of Facilities Management.

"In the past, much work was done as needed," said McDermott. "But as the University has blossomed, the work is regularly scheduled. Busier areas, such as lobbies, are more frequent."

To the casual observer, the paint may look like basic off-white, but on one floor in Sawyer, eight different shades were used, at the specification of the architect, according to McDermott.

With carpets repaired or replaced and a new paint job, a space can take on a very different look. McDermott had people asking whether new lights had been installed in the hallways of the Archer Building last summer, when in fact a lighter shade of white paint and a lighter carpet had made a stunning difference.
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A SUNbeam on the Law School faculty and administrators who overwhelmingly responded to Professor Joe McEttrick’s request for volunteers to mentor the 12 fellows in this summer’s 2005 Rappaport Honors Program in Law and Public Policy. Selected as mentors: John Irwin, Ilene Seidman, Steve Ferrey, Julie Baker, Lisa Thurau-Gray, Lisle Baker, Victoria Dodd, Jessica Sibley, Marc Rodwin, Ann McGonigle Santos, Audrey Huang and Suffolk alumnus Larry DiCara. Other volunteers: Diane Juliari, Carole Wagan, Ken King, Sara Dillon, Louis Schulze, Gail Ellis, Steve Callahan, Bernadette Feeley, Jeff Pokorak, Karen Blum, Bill Berman, Phil Kaplan, Betsy McKenzie, Kathy Vinson, Tim Wilton, Joe Glannon, Susan Vaughn, Beth Bower and George Comeau. In thanking all the volunteers, McEttrick said, “This generous response indicated to me the willingness of my colleagues to help law students, especially students considering careers in public service. The Rappaport Program has been greatly enhanced by this support.” … At its annual Recognition Dinner, the Student Services Division recognized Chris Giordano of the Dean of Students Office, Terry Wells of Career Services and Cooperative Education, and the Department of Health Services for outstanding service to the Student Services Division and to the broader University community. … Michael Avery, Law School, attended an International Conference on Terrorism in Havana, Cuba, along with several hundred delegates from more than 30 countries. Cuban President Fidel Castro presided over the conference and was in the audience when Avery addressed the group on the hypocrisy of United States policy toward terrorism. Avery’s remarks were carried live on Cuban National television, broadcast throughout the Caribbean and reported widely in Spanish on the Internet. In addition, he was interviewed several times on various Cuban television programs and on CNN’s Latin American program. … Congratulations to Deborah Beaudette, Law School, and husband Jim Richard on the birth of their son, Henry James Richard, born June 29. … At the annual CALI Conference in Chicago in June, Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, Law School, presented a session on “Teaching with technology both inside and outside the classroom.” He was quoted in the April 30 edition of The Boston Globe with regard to a decision by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit that upheld the lower court’s denial of a preliminary injunction in the patent infringement lawsuit between Gillette and Schick involving their newest razors. … Robert DeFillippi, Management, who was appointed an Advanced Institute of Management Research (AIM) International Visiting Fellow to work with Professor John Bessant of Imperial College of London, delivered the keynote address at the seventh annual session of the Advanced International Summer School of University of Lecce, Brindisi, Italy, on July 6. He spoke on “Project Based Innovation in Creative Industries: The Case of Entertainment Software.” In addition, DeFillippi led a business panel on “Challenges to Global Leadership” at the annual meeting of the Indus Entrepreneurs conference at the Sheraton Colonial Center in Wakefield and hosted a workshop on “Innovation’s 9 Critical Success Factors” at Suffolk Law School on May 9. … Tom Dellicicchi, CAS Academic Computing, organized three Blackboard “Boot Camps” for faculty and staff to learn this course management software. Forty-seven faculty and staffers attended the hands-on workshops. Presenters included Walter Johnson, Physics, Marg Dion, NESADSU, Bob Dugan, Sawyer Library, Rich Miller, English, and CAS Associate Dean Susan Thayer. Plans are under way for an Advanced Blackboard Skills workshop and a CAS Technology Fair. … Carol Dine of English attended the opening of Andrze Jackowski’s painting exhibition at London’s Purdy Hicks Gallery, where she met British art critic/biographer John McEwen, who, in his essay for the catalogue, credits Dine for her writing on Jackowski’s “haunting images … that speak of a shared grief.” … Kristi Jovell, Law School, chaired the Graduate
Faculty Publications


Stephanie Hartung, Law School, published "From the Courtroom to the Classroom: Reflections of a First Year Teacher" in Perspectives (Winter 2005).


Sebastián Royo, Government, director of the Madrid Campus, has published his fourth book, Portugal, Espanha e a Integração Europeia: Um Balanço (Portugal, Spain and European Integration: A Balance), an edited volume, by the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon. He presented it in Lisbon on June 28 as part of a conference on the European Union.

David Yamada, Law School, had an op-ed piece on United Nations ambassadorial nominee John Bolton, "Bolton and Bullying," published in the May 12 edition of the New York Amsterdam News and featured on the Web site of Americans for Democratic Action in Washington DC. He was an issue editor for a Symposium on Workplace Bullying, consisting of eight multidisciplinary articles on abusive work environments, published in Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal, Vol. 8, No. 2. which included his article, "Crafting a Legislative Response to Workplace Bullying." •

Centennial Update: New University Archivist Seeks Original Law School Site

Newly appointed University Archivist Beth Bower is organizing historical material in preparation for next year's Centennial and researching the original site of the Law School: the parlor of Gleason Archer's Roxbury home.

Archer's home was located on Alpine Street, near Dudley Station, and Bower is searching for photos and other historical evidence about the house.

Bower, who has served as archivist for the papers bequeathed to Suffolk University in 2001 by Congressman John Joseph Moakley, will continue as Moakley Institute director. She, Associate University Archivist Julia Collins and Assistant Archivist Becky Rudolph will be responsible for all archival collections in the university.

The University archive has 14 linear feet of historical photos of the University, and Bower will be working with David Robbins and George Comeau to select archive photos for projects related to the 2006 Centennial, including a Centennial book, exhibits and a Web site.

Bower has enjoyed uncovering materials from the University's founder. "We have some interesting artifacts, including Gleason Archer's desk, his collection of books and recordings of his voice," she said. "I opened a box one day and found Gleason Archer's briefcase, embossed with his initials."

Bower will contribute to a Web site of University Archive materials. She would be interested in hearing from members of the University community about what they would like to see on the Archive Web site. She also is eager to work with people who might have historical knowledge of the significance of photographs and documents in the collection.

Bower may be reached at bbower@suffolk.edu or ext. 6255. •

This month's featured archive photo shows a group of people from the Sawyer School of Management. If you have information about the people or event depicted, please e-mail the details to sun@suffolk.edu, or call extension 1978. The SUN will publish any information gleaned in a future issue. (Suffolk University Archive photo)
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and Professional Concerns Committee at the Eastern Association of Financial Aid Administrators (EASFAA) Pre-Conference in Atlantic City, N.J., in May. The pre-conference theme was "The Graduate Connection: A networking symposium with your graduate and professional aid colleagues." ... Doris Lewis, Chemistry and Biochemistry, was featured in an article, "Behind Any Great Chapter is a Great Faculty Adviser," published in the April/May issue of the ACS magazine In Chemistry. Lewis founded the American Chemical Society Student Affiliate chapter in 1977 and has served as the adviser since then. For the past four consecutive years the chapter has received national awards from the ACS recognizing the quality of its programming. ... Ruth Ann McEwen, Accounting, was named one of 25 consultants to the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) to codify existing generally accepted accounting principles. She and her co-consultants are responsible for unifying numerous, and often conflicting, accounting guidelines into a single source of authoritative literature. The codification project is expected to be completed in three to five years. ... Rosemarie Sansone, Public Affairs, has been appointed a board member of Light Boston. ... Suffolk-Dakar Executive Director Lew Shaw received the outstanding faculty advisor award from SIFE Africa (Students in Free Enterprise). The SIFE program in Senegal was launched in November 2004 and has seven member institutions, including Suffolk University—Dakar whose students recently participated in Senegal’s first competition. ... At a conference at Fordham Law School in May, Jessica Silbey, Law School, presented a paper, “Filmmaking in the Precinct House and the Genre of Documentary Film.” The paper is part of an ongoing project investigating the intersection of film and law; using film as a legal tool, such as filming police interrogations; and representations of law in film, such as in popular cinema and on television. The proceedings of the conference will be published in Fordham’s Entertainment and Media Law Journal in 2006. ... David Tuerck, Economics and Beacon Hill Institute, participated in the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival of Boston on the Charles River with the Black Shoals, a group of graduate students from Economics and BHI. Serving as the dragon boat’s drummer or “heartbeat of the dragon boat,” Tuerck commanded a steady, surging drumbeat to set the pace of the front crewmen. The made-to-order dragon boats seat 18 paddlers and boast a hand-painted dragon’s head at the prow and a flasky dragon’s tail on the stern. About 35 teams competed for the championship at the annual festival. ... Nancy Upton, Marketing, taught a course, “The Unconscious Mind of the Consumer,” at the Universidad Adolfo Ibanez in Chile in July. The intensive three-day course focused on ways to add value for consumers by understanding their unconscious percep-

Save the Date

A concert by the Music Students’ Chamber Choir of Aalborg University, Denmark. (Musikstudeendes Kammerkor, Aalborg Universitet) 

1 p.m., Tuesday, September 13

C. Walsh Theatre

Aalborg University, located on the Jutland peninsula, is one of Suffolk University’s partner institutions. This concert is both an artistic event and an opportunity to forge relationships between faculty and students at the two universities.

In Memoriam

Dr. William Burgess, assistant professor of biology.
Dakar Teaching Opportunity

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Now that the Dakar student body has grown, the campus expects to support enough resident faculty to convert to a regular semester program, and most courses will fall into this schedule come October, when the fall semester begins.

"We will accomplish this through a combination of Suffolk University faculty in residence, faculty from other universities and some local hiring," said Shaw.

Nancy Upton was the first Suffolk faculty member to sign on for a full semester and will head to Dakar in the spring. Upton is an assistant professor of marketing in the Sawyer School of Management and will teach Principles of Marketing.

Those who have gone to Senegal before her—an average of 10 per semester—can attest to the value of the global experience.

John McCoy, assistant professor of Business Law and Ethics, completed his third stint in Senegal this past spring and said he would highly recommend a semester-long teaching assignment to anyone who could manage it.

"To go abroad as a tourist is one thing; to go and engage the people and be involved is like nothing else."

—John McCoy, Business Law and Ethics

For their final, group project, students were asked to pick their own, socially relevant topics. "There were some unusual and interesting topics to an American, such as the issue of men having multiple wives, presented in the style of an Oprah Winfrey show," she said.

Faculty members not only enjoy the students, but also the immersion in an unfamiliar, but very hospitable culture.

"It's an opportunity like none other that you'll ever have," said McCoy. "The Senegalese are wonderful people, and it's a very different culture; very open and family-oriented. You walk down the street, and people wave and say 'Hi.' To go abroad as a tourist is one thing; to go and engage the people and be involved is like nothing else."

McCoy traveled to Gorée Island, the historic departure point for the slave trade, as a guest of the student government. He played ping-pong with students in the residence halls.

"I got very close to the students," he said. "People around the University have a special bond, and it's really heartbreaking leaving; you get immersed."

Karns also visited historic sites and was welcomed into Senegalese homes during her visit.

"The people working with Lew were wonderful, very welcoming. Even though I didn't have much time in Dakar, they helped me make the most of it," said Karns.

"Felix Diedhiou, Lew's administrative assistant, took me to his mother's home; he invited me right into his family," said Karns. One of her students also introduced Karns to her mother, who took the visiting professor on a shopping spree, then had a tailor come and make lovely articles of clothing with the fabric Karns had purchased.

Karns enjoyed staying at the "beautiful" on-campus residence for visiting faculty, and said: "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."

Over the course of his three visits, McCoy has seen the campus develop. "Lew Shaw has done a fantastic job in managing that program, particularly in the quality of faculty and the quality and organization of the program."

McCoy sees the Dakar program as "a great opportunity for Suffolk to do the right thing in the world, and we're doing it."

"Support for faculty activities such as this are critical to achieving our mission of training global business leaders," said Upton, as she looks forward to her semester in Dakar.

Upton had expected logistics to make the stint in Dakar challenging, given her commitments in Boston, but she said Marketing Department Chair Liz Wilson worked hard with Shaw and SSOM Dean William O'Neill to overcome those obstacles.

"Having the support to go for the semester enables the cultural immersion necessary for understanding a culture," she said. "In truth the greatest challenge I anticipate is appreciating that I will have as much to learn from my students as they will have to learn from me." •
Nelson Honored for Dedication to Sports Ethics

Last spring, a Suffolk opponent had a bit of misfortune when the team bus broke down on the way to a tennis match here, but Director of Athletics Jim Nelson immediately went to the rescue.

He hopped in a van and drove the opposing squad to the site of the women's tennis competition. Suffolk may have lost the match, but no one recalls the score. What both teams remember is the spirited display of sportsmanship from Nelson.

Nelson has been involved in the world of sports for most of his life, as an athlete, successful coach and respected administrator, conducting himself in each role with class, dignity and pride.

He is recognized among the nation's athletic fraternity as a perfect gentleman and consummate professional, and his efforts to promote fair play in sport and society were recognized this year when he was named a 2005 Sports Ethics Fellow by the Institute for International Sport.

This year's Celebration of Division III Sports Ethics Fellows includes coaches, commissioners, professors and college administrators from National Collegiate Athletic Association institutions nationwide.

"I'm extremely pleased to be named to such an elite group," said Nelson. "This distinction brings honor to the University and supports the various contributions I'd like to think I've made in a positive manner."

"Jim Nelson embodies the spirit of collegiality we all hope to achieve," said Chuck Mitrano, Commissioner of the Empire 8 Athletic Conference and Chair of the 2005 Sports Ethics Fellows Selection Committee. "Few people would go the extra mile, whether it be mentoring a student-athlete or assisting an opponent."

At Suffolk, Nelson expects his coaches to always be on their best behavior and to lead by example. "I look for our coaches to set high standards in both competition and character; to be unafraid in making discipline choices at the risk of victory," he said. "They should also be role models who teach our student-athletes life lessons, such as perseverance, commitment and teamwork."

When it comes to the athletes at Suffolk, Nelson sets the bar at the highest level. "While striving for athletic excellence, our student-athletes should realize that they are in uniform 24 hours a day," he said. "They should be proud of the institution they represent and be careful of their own personal behavior, as well as their teammates', whose actions will reflect on them."

Nelson's influence at Suffolk extends well beyond the athletic arena. His business card should include the title of "Goodwill Ambassador," because he is always there to offer his support to a student, faculty or staff member. He organizes important social events, both campuswide and for smaller groups, bringing everyone together in a family-like atmosphere. He is first in line to celebrate an employee's milestone or to offer condolences in times of trouble.

"Coach Nelson is the Mayor of Suffolk," said Cary McConnell, Suffolk's head baseball coach and associate director of Athletics. "He knows everyone's name, and when he stops to talk with you, he really cares about what's going on in your life." •

Science & Technology Initiative Leverages Departments' Strengths

CAS science and engineering departments have established a Science and Technology Initiative to develop research opportunities that might not otherwise be accomplished by the departments acting individually.

Research is seen as an important educational component, and "we decided we could get some critical mass if we pooled our various departmental resources together," said Mohamed Zatet, chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, which is leading the Initiative.

"There is tremendous value in helping students make discoveries, as opposed to teaching them something someone already knows," said Chathan Cooke, a visiting professor at Suffolk. "You can't teach something you don't know, but you can teach the process of finding out."

The initiative began in fall 2004, when science faculty came together socially, then began making presentations of their work. Professor Dan Stefanescu presented an overview of ongoing research projects in Math and Computer Science, and Associate Professor Pat Hogan described collaborative projects being developed between Environmental Engineering, Physics, and Electrical Engineering on sensor/mote technology. The Electrical and Computer Engineering Department is now collecting information and compiling a booklet on faculty research interests. •