Story of Courage & Survival

Carol Dine, who has survived childhood abuse and three bouts with breast cancer, is smiling. That’s because she is talking about her new memoir, Places in the Bone, weighing each word as if it were a precious diamond.

“I poured my heart and soul into this book,” says Dine, who has been an adjunct professor in the English department for 15 years. “I gave it everything I had. When I first found out that it was going to be published, I was numb and hysterical at the same time.”

Dine’s openness, her passion for teaching and her fondness for the written word are obvious to those who get to know her. By her own admission, Places in the Bone is her life’s work, neatly crafted in a series of powerful and emotional vignettes. She shares her past experiences, no matter how horrifying, in explicit detail.

In 1980, 1985 and 1993, Dine suffered through bouts of breast cancer. During the most recent episode, the cancer metastasized to her hip. In order to confront her disease, particularly the pain of chemotherapy and radiation treatments, she turned to her writing talents and creative nature.

“I wrote about what I was going through as if I were somebody else, like a distant observer,” says Dine, who wrote and published her first poem at the age of 30. “I wrote in the waiting room and anywhere else I could. I was frightened, but doing this made me in control of my experience. My writing and creativity kept me alive.”

Dine, whose younger sister, a hospice nurse in Maryland, was diagnosed with breast cancer four years ago, is a public speaker on surviving breast cancer. “I encourage these women to join a support group, exercise and do something that makes them feel good, like getting a manicure,” she says. “I also tell them to express themselves and to laugh.”

Employees Open Homes to Displaced Students

Members of the Suffolk community have welcomed nine West African students displaced by Hurricane Katrina into their homes. The students, most of whom had begun their studies at Suffolk’s Dakar, Senegal, campus, had been enrolled at the University of New Orleans.

These students, along with students from Tulane Law School and Loyola University, have enrolled at Suffolk for the fall semester.

“I turned to Suffolk for help, as did my fellow New Orleans classmates and friends, mainly because I had attended the Dakar campus,” said Fadel I. Diallo of Burkina Faso, a senior completing a degree in Business Administration.

“Both the Dakar and the Boston campuses were amazing,” he said. “On the Dakar campus, Dr. Lewis Shaw, the executive director, has been of crucial importance both in communicating with the affected students as well as with the parents and the Boston campus staff. In Boston, from the president to the faculty members and the old Dakar friends and students, the devotion was huge.”

“Fadel is our son for the term,” said Management Professor Robert DeFillippi, of Melrose, who first heard of the students’ plight on Sept. 8. Two days later, he had offered Diallo a home. DeFillippi’s son, Chris, a Suffolk senior, is helping Diallo get adjusted to life on the Beacon Hill campus.

“I just feel happy, good and safe at the DeFillipps,” said Diallo.

At a time when many people want to help Hurricane Katrina victims, but feel helpless, DeFillippi and his wife, Jane, are pleased to be able to offer Diallo a home. In fact, DeFillippi had had to dissuade his wife, Jane, a nurse, from hopping a flight to New Orleans to help out in the wake of the disaster.

“It seemed we could do something more concrete by providing Fadel a home,” said DeFillippi. “The fact that he is part of a Suffolk Dakar community also had special appeal to me because I have had some wonderful experiences teaching Dakar graduates at Suffolk, and this made helping out much more personal and meaningful.”

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A Message to Readers

DEAR READERS:

By now everyone is back into the routine of the academic year, and our thoughts are filled with how we will get everything done with so little time! The campus is alive with a wide spectrum of academic and social events. And not a day passes that doesn't include a guest lecturer, an opening exhibit or an entertaining performance.

As we are immersed in all this activity I am struck by the number of students, faculty and staff who have found a way to respond to the plight of those who have suffered from Hurricane Katrina.

Once again the Suffolk community has outdone itself by showing compassion and ingenuity in a number of impressive ways. You will read of only a few examples of these activities in this newsletter.

You also will read about the Heritage Ronayne Award medal honorees and the richness that each has contributed to the Suffolk community. While everyone cannot achieve a Heritage Award medal, I would like to remind our readers of the "KUDOS" program. Because we are sometimes moving so quickly from one task to the next, we may not take time to thank those around us for doing an outstanding job or going the extra distance. Whether it is someone in your department or another, the "KUDOS" program serves as a way of giving special attention and recognition for an outstanding performance.

Enjoy the fall season.

Rosemarie E. Sansone
Executive Editor

Ronayne Memorial Service

The memorial service for Dean Emeritus Michael R. Ronayne, Jr., will be held, at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the C. Walsh Theatre, followed by the unveiling of a bust of the late dean in the Donahue lobby. The entire Suffolk community is invited.

University Luminaries Honored in Heritage Ceremony

SUFFOLK RECOGNIZED THE commitment of six people who made outstanding contributions to the life of the University through its 2005 Heritage Medallion Ceremony on Sept. 19, Founder's Day.

Those honored with a prestigious Heritage Medallion were:

- The late CAS Dean Emeritus Michael R. Ronayne, Jr., who served Suffolk from 1966 until his retirement in 2004 and was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for 32 years (1972–2004).
- CAS Professor Emerita Margaret Collins Weitz, an internationally honored scholar on the role of women in the French Resistance, a member of the CAS Department of Humanities and Modern Languages from 1984 until 2002 and department chair from 1984 until 1994.
- The late Alexander J. Cella, a Law School faculty member from 1971-93. An award in his name is given annually to the Suffolk Law student demonstrating excellence in or commitment to the field of administrative law.
- The late John M. Corcoran, a trustee from 1979 to 2003, who played a key role in the University's unprecedented physical expansion during that time. He also attracted influential business leaders to the board.
- Catherine T. Judge, first full-time female member of the Law School faculty (1967–present) and Law School registrar, 1956–67, who is celebrating her 50th anniversary with her alma mater.
- Richard L. McDowell, Sawyer School of Management dean, 1974–91, and director of its Center for State Government Management, 1973–74. Under his direction, the Business School established new degree programs in computer information systems, health administration and public management, as well as its Saturday Executive MBA Program, the Advanced Professional Certificate Program, the Center for Management Development and the Executive in Residence Program.

This year's Heritage Medallion Ceremony was a celebration of six outstanding members of the University community. Those attending included, from right, Margaret Collins Weitz, Joanne Ronayne, Lisa Cello and Catherine T. Judge; rear, President David J. Sargent, Richard L. McDowell, John M. Corcoran, Jr., Thomas Corcoran and David Robbins. (Photo by John Gillooly)
73 Tremont Expansion Continues

Health Services began the academic year with a new, expanded office at 73 Tremont St., and work began on the new library, which is expected to open in May. Plans also are in the works for a Welcome Center that will provide Suffolk with a new front door on Tremont Street.

In its new space on the fifth floor at 73 Tremont, Health Services has five exam rooms, office space and a large, comfortable waiting room. Before the move, three exam rooms had doubled as office space for four clinicians. And, for the first time, Health Services will have a graduate assistant working on health education, according to Health Services Director Sharon Yardley.

The new, street-level Welcome Center’s planned location on Tremont street “provides excellent visibility for the University,” said Undergraduate Admission Director John Hamel.

It will provide a central meeting place in a highly visible location that will allow visitors to obtain information about the University, information sessions and campus tours.

“We expect the larger number of visitors to be undergraduate students,” said Hamel, but he expects that information and materials for graduate and law students also will be available when the Welcome Center opens in January.

Employees Open Homes

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Law School Dean Robert Smith has offered a home to two of the displaced students. His family had come together over the Labor Day weekend in celebration of his daughter’s wedding, but at the same time they were hearing reports of the devastation from Hurricane Katrina.

“We were thinking about how fortunate we have been with our family and friends and our living situation, and at the same time feeling compassion for the experience of those caught in the hurricane,” said Smith. When they heard of the students’ plight, Smith and his wife welcomed an opportunity to share their Newton home.

Eleven West Africans from New Orleans have enrolled for the fall semester, according to Daphne Durham, Suffolk’s director of internationalization services in the Center for International Education. The African students had been attracted to New Orleans’ warm climate, French culture and lower cost of living.

Campuswide Response Fuels Hurricane Relief

S.O.U.L.S is working to create a campuswide partnership to provide aid in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. It convened a meeting in late September to coordinate activities.

One of the immediate efforts on behalf of those afflicted by the disaster was the development and sale of a wrist bracelet, spearheaded by Maureen Wark, director of Residence Life. The bracelet is purple—a Mardi Gras color—with “Suffolk Cares 2005” embossed on it. Students were selling them on campus for a contribution of $5 for students and $10 for faculty and staff, with all of the money going to disaster relief. The goal is to raise $20,000.

The following contributed toward the purchase of the bracelets: Offices of the President, the Provost, the Dean of Students, the Dean of Enrollment, MIS, Human Resources, Campus Ministry & Interfaith Center, Student Activities and Service Learning, Financial Aid, Suffolk University Police & Security, Residence Life & Summer Programs and the Budget Office.

For the latest on Suffolk’s response to the hurricanes, please go to: http://www.suffolk.edu/opa/hurricane_response.html
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The stork was busy this summer and as these Suffolk families welcomed new additions! Congratulations and best wishes to all.

Susan Archdeacon, Law School, and husband James, twins, Colleen and Conor, on April 6. "Liz Berman" of Human Resources, and husband Eric, a son, Cole Elliot, on Aug. 13, 7 lbs., 10 oz. ... Rebecca Mathews, Enrollment Research and Planning, and husband Corey, a son, Benedict Cuchulainn Mathews, on May 27, 6 lbs., 0.5 oz. and 19.5 inches long. ... Rita Mooney, Office of the Bursar, and husband Bob, a daughter, Alexandra Georgio, on Aug. 3, 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 20 inches long. ... George Syrigos of Advancement and partner Joe McGinn, adopted Luke, 3, and Noelle, 2, from Liberia in August. ... 

NEW EMPLOYEES

A warm welcome to our newest employees!

Athletics
Vicki Schull, associate director of athletics and head softball coach
Adam Nelson, assistant athletic director and head men’s basketball coach

Ballotti Learning Center
Michael Dickinson, director

Office of Student Activities and Service Learning
Carolina García, director of service learning
Kristen Gleason, staff assistant/business manager
Beth Rosenbleet, associate director of new student programs
Elizabeth Tenaglia, assistant director of service learning

Sawyer School of Management
Heather R. Hewitt, assistant director of graduate programs at Merrimack College
Jemma Lambert, director of Cape Cod programs

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Faculty Publications


Patricia Brown, librarian emerita, Law School, co-wrote *POW #3959: Memoir of a World War II Airman Shot Down Over Germany* with Ralph E. Sirianni. (McFarland, November, 2005).


Nancy Upton, Marketing, Her paper, “Putting Your Best Face Forward: The Impact of Customer Mood on Salesperson Evaluation,” was accepted to the *Journal of Consumer Psychology* for publication in April 2006.


Lauren Williams, Health Administration, published “Impact of Nurses’ Job Satisfaction on Organizational Trust” in *Health Care Management Review* (July – September 2005 issue).


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investigations, certified by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, at Tufts University. Frederick Depeiza was promoted to corporal. He is the son of Lorraine Depeiza of Undergraduate Admission. ... At the 2005 Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors held at Northwestern University School of Law in July, Kathleen Elliott Vinson, Law School, presented “Improving Legal Writing Skills Beyond the Classroom Walls” and “How the Profession and Academia Can Work Together to Improve Legal Writing.” She was named an editor of *The Second Drafts* ... David Yamada, Law School, was cited in a resolution by the Cambridge City Council in recognition of his work as the departing director of the Suffolk Rappaport Honors Program in Law and Public Policy. In August his guest column, “The Business Case Against Workplace Bullying,” was published on Business Forum Online, a website for emerging businesses and entrepreneurs at www.businessforum.com/Yamada_01.html. ... The Office of Student Activities and Service Learning has awarded Service Learning Seed Grants for the fall 2005 semester to Ruth Ann Bramson, assistant professor of public management, Nina Huntemann, assistant professor of communication and journalism, and Alice LoCicero, assistant professor of psychology. These course development grants expand the number of courses offered at the University that incorporate service learning as a teaching pedagogy. Service Learning is a teaching method that promotes student learning through active participation in meaningful and planned service experiences in the community that are directly related to course content. Through reflective activities, students enhance their understanding of course content, general knowledge, sense of civic responsibility, self-awareness and commitment. The courses offered this semester are: Community and Citizen Empowerment—Bramson; Community Psychology—LoCicero; and Media Literacy—Huntemann. Additional grants will be available for the spring 2006 semester. For more information, contact Carolina Garcia, director of service learning, at cgarcia@suffolk.edu. ...
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According to Dine, humor is an important element for individuals combating life's most challenging issues. In fact, when speaking to groups of breast cancer survivors, she wears a phosphorescent blue wig. “You need a good sense of humor and to be around people with positive energy,” she says.

Born in Brighton and raised in Newton, Dine describes her childhood days as a living nightmare. She now remembers that, when she was a child, her father, a Harvard- and Yale-educated orthopedic surgeon, physically abused her.

“He’d chase me up the stairs and hit my head against the wall,” she says, adding that such violent behavior stopped when she was in junior high school, but that “he verbally abused me until the day he died.”

A 1961 graduate of Newton South High School, Dine went on to receive her undergraduate degree in European History and English from Wheaton College in 1965 and her master's degree in public relations from Boston University in 1974. Her marriage ended in divorce after six years, although she is amazed it lasted that long. She is matter-of-fact in saying: “We were totally unsuited for each other.”

Dine has a son, and, looking back, she says, “I was afraid I was going to hurt him like my father abused me.”

It reached the point where Dine had to give her ex-husband, a corporate attorney, custody of their son. “Giving him up was probably the toughest thing I've ever done,” she says. Today, Dine and her son, a screenwriter in Los Angeles, get along fine, phoning and e-mailing each other on a regular basis.

Dine is the author of two books of poetry and is widely published in literary magazines, including The Bitter Oleander, Blue Mesa Review, Prairie Schooner and Salamander. She received the Frances Locke Memorial Award from the Bitter Oleander Press for a poem from her series based on the art of Van Gogh, and she is the recipient of the Sword of Hope Award from the American Cancer Society for her journal, Treatments. She has also been a poet in residence at the MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, Ragdale and the Wurlitzer Foundation.

In the spirit of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dine unveiled Places in the Bone (Rutgers University Press, 192 pages, $22.95) with a book signing and reception Oct. 18 in the Suffolk Café of the Donahue Building.

“I'm so proud that I had the courage to tell my whole story,” says Dine, a Boston resident who dedicated Places in the Bone to her therapist, Bruce Paradis, Ph.D. “Everyone needs someone she can look to who has been through hell and lived to tell about it. Well, that's me. I wrote this book to encourage other people facing serious issues, to give them hope that they can survive. I did.”

Centennial Update: Survey Defines Expectations

In preparation for Suffolk University's 2006 Centennial, faculty, administration and staff were surveyed to help establish specific goals and objectives for the Centennial. The 231 responses from the internal community will help refine the Centennial Celebration Blueprint.

Survey results emphasized three main themes:

• Use the Centennial to increase general awareness of the University
• Celebrate Suffolk's accomplishments and remain true to its roots
• Refocus Suffolk's mission, helping to connect with alumni and enhance fundraising

When asked their opinion of Suffolk's most positive attribute, 28 percent of respondents cited the sense of community and camaraderie; 25 percent, the committed faculty; and 16 percent, location.

Among the comments made were: “The University is widely known as a school of law. However, its mission of inclusiveness and helping students create and uncover opportunity is also widely known.”

The Centennial will be a success if there is inclusive involvement and representation from many constituencies, according to 22 percent of those surveyed.

Suffolk Philanthropy Continues to Grow

Suffolk's Advancement Office reported another strong year of fund-raising growth in fiscal year 2005, which ended June 30. Total dollars rose from $4.1 million to $5.2 million, representing a 28 percent growth over the previous year. The total number of donors also rose slightly, from 6,059 to 6,107. The growth marked the third straight year that Suffolk alumni and friends have responded positively to the University's efforts to strengthen private philanthropy.

"Alumni and friends continue to give back to Suffolk,” said Vice President of Advancement Kathryn Battillo. “It's very gratifying to know that the University's mission continues to resonate with our alumni.”

Battillo also noted strong support among Suffolk's faculty and staff. “These gifts are doubly important, as nearly every national ranking of universities includes an evaluation of internal support, so a special thank you is owed to everyone at the University for their generous support.”
From the Archivist: University Archives on the Move

The Suffolk University Archives are the repository for the University's historical papers, photographs, memorabilia and records of enduring value. Between May and August 2005 the collections were transferred into 493 acid-free containers for safe storage.

The collection dates from the 1890s through 2005. Why so recent? The archives collect material significant to the history of Suffolk.

Photographs of the 2001 commencement are as important to preserve as founder Gleason Archer's scrapbooks. We collect all publications produced officially or unofficially at Suffolk University from 1906 to the present.

With the archival material safely packed, the containers were transferred to secure storage at the Moakley Law Library and Advanced Records Management Systems, where they will remain until the new Suffolk Archives room is ready in the Sawyer Library at 73 Tremont Street in 2010. The archivists are just finishing up the processing of the Moakley papers and will start the three-year project of "arranging and describing"—archival lingo for organizing—the Suffolk collection next month. How can you help?

We need volunteers to identify photographs for our Centennial celebration. Email us at archives@suffolk.edu to sign up for a photo identification session.

If you produce a print or electronic publication (magazine, newsletter, information sheet, newspaper) send two copies and let us know your publication schedule.

The Suffolk University Archives continues to grow! Notify us if you have Suffolk records, publications or memorabilia that pre-date 1980.

If you have a reference question or need assistance finding a publication or photograph please contact Becky Rudolph, ext. 6277, brudolph@suffolk.edu. If you have pre-1980 records please contact Julia Collins, ext. 6293, jcollins@suffolk.edu. We are located in the Moakley Law Library, Room 515, Sargent Hall.

Becky Rudolph, Beth Bower and Julia Collins hold three of the 80 scrapbooks in the Suffolk University Archives. Bower displays scrapbook of founder Gleason Archer's called "Legislative Contest of 1913." (Photo by John Gillooly)

Center for Teaching Excellence: Faculty-Led Discussions

Throughout the academic year, the Center for Teaching Excellence will host lunchtime discussions on topics of interest to faculty. To launch this series, members of the Center for Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee will present the following:

- "The Art of Planning Backward: Organizing Your Course around Student Learning Outcomes," Assistant Professor of Academic Support Janet Fisher, Law School. Monday, Oct. 24, noon-1:30 p.m., 73 Tremont, 12th Floor, Large Conference Room.

- "Vampires, Virtue and Your Syllabus," CAS Associate Dean Susan Thayer. Monday, Nov. 14, noon-1:30 p.m., 73 Tremont, 12th Floor, Large Conference Room.

- "Dealing with Difficult Classroom Moments: Becoming an Expert in Not Knowing," Professor Magid Mazen, Management. Thursday, Dec. 1, noon-1:30 p.m., 73 Tremont, 12th Floor, Large Conference Room.

Assistant Professor Richard Miller, English, presented "Getting Your Students the Help They Need, When They Need It" in September. Additional information is available at www.suffolk.edu/provost. To participate in any of these discussions, please RSVP to Christina Malone, Office of the Provost: 617-573-8222, cmalone@suffolk.edu.
Law School & SJC Archiving Webcasts
Webcasts of oral arguments at the Supreme Judicial Court produced through the Law School/SJC partnership are being archived and are accessible on the Internet within four days of the court proceedings.

Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall said, "Archiving Webcasts of court proceedings will now allow people everywhere the opportunity to observe the justices and lawyers discussing legal matters that affect people's lives at times that are convenient for them."

Said Law School Dean Robert H. Smith: "Key to the archives is that people can plug in and access arguments, but more importantly, they can experience real-time interaction between justices and counsel."

President’s Forum
President David J. Sargent will address staff and administrators Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the C. Walsh Theatre in his second "State of the University" forum. All administrative and support staff are encouraged to attend the forum to hear President Sargent's vision of the University as it approaches its Centennial.

Human Resources
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION PROCESS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF SUFFOLK EMPLOYEES
With the college application season upon us, the Human Resources Office provided these guidelines for employees whose children are applying for undergraduate admission to Suffolk for the fall of 2006.

Eligibility
The dependent children of full-time Suffolk employees who were employed at Suffolk for two or more consecutive years in a regularly budgeted status as of Sept. 1, 2005, may attend Suffolk’s undergraduate programs tuition-free. The prospective student must follow the regular admission process and meet the established criteria for admission.

Application Fee Waiver
To waive the $50 application fee, your child must complete the regular Suffolk undergraduate admission application or the paper version of the Common Application as well as the waiver of undergraduate application fee form. Submit both together to the Undergraduate Admission Office. The fee waiver assures that all eligible dependents are identified. This form is available on the HR web site at www.suffolk.edu/hr/tuition.html or by calling Human Resources at Ext. 8415.

Application Deadline
The deadline for applications for the fall 2006 semester is March 1, 2006.

Campus Housing
Applications should be received by early January.

Acceptance and Deposit
If your child is accepted for admission and plans to attend Suffolk, return the enrollment acknowledgement form (included with the acceptance letter) and pay the $200 tuition deposit. The tuition deposit, less the orientation and other user fees, will be returned to you in the second month of the term.

The deposit for on-campus housing is not waived for dependent children. The campus housing deposit should be submitted along with the enrollment acknowledgement form. Campus housing is limited and is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date the deposit is received.

Tuition Remission Form
A tuition remission application form must be completed prior to every registration period during the time your child is attending the University. This form is available on the HR web site.

Health Insurance
If your child is covered under your employee health insurance and does not want to purchase student health insurance, he or she must waive the student health insurance. The waiver is available at www.universityhealthplans.com and must be completed once a year. Failure to waive the student health insurance results in a charge to the student account. Student health insurance is not covered under the tuition-free course program.