Class of 1996 Celebrates Graduation

By Christian Engler

Wearing caps and gowns, degrees firmly clasped in hands and with family and friends proudly shouting words of congratulations, Suffolk University Seniors graduated from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Frank Sawyer School of Management on Sunday, May 26th at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts in Boston.

Following the procession of Suffolk faculty, graduating students and the invocation by the Reverend Terrence Barrett of the Harvard School of Divinity, the commencement address was given by J. Bruce Llewellyn, Chairman of the Board of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

"Education is the key. It is the key of everything," said Llewellyn. "If you do not have an education, then you are condemned to a very, very bad life in this point in time."

Stating that the bullets have started to fly, but that the economy has not, he told students that the United States has enormous problems regarding its trade dealings, not with enemies, but with its friends, such as Japan, France and England.

"Together, as a whole, we are all in the same boat. We are all struggling."

Ending his speech, he advised the graduating class of 1996, that in the future, when looking in a mirror, they should realize that they gave it their best effort in life and not what they could or should have done with their lives.

Following Llewellyn's address, honorary degrees were conferred upon Robert L. Caret, President of the San Jose State University, Victor K. Fung, Chairman of the Prudential Asia Investments Limited, A. Neil Pappalardo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Meditech, Donald Rodman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rodman Ford and Rodman Lincoln, Lincoln Mercury and J. Bruce Llewellyn, Chairman of the Board of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Residence hall is just one of many new additions

By Mike Shaw

For the first time in its history, Suffolk University will open a residence hall. In all, about 400 undergraduate, graduate and law students will live there full-time, beginning this Fall.

It took Suffolk officials three years to find a suitable building in the immediate downtown area, and then another year to refurbish the 90-year-old structure into a modern college dormitory.

In addition to the restoration and modernization process, Suffolk has proceeded to reevaluate its security and food service programs.

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Not be representative of what my classmates hold dear," said Patten, "I realized that this class held a multitude of countries and languages that I could not possibly list."

Stating that Suffolk graduates had many personal characteristics or reasons for coming to the institution that may not be easily articulated, he expressed his reasons for choosing Suffolk to attain his undergraduate education. 

"I'm not Suffolk University," Patton said, "none of us individually are Suffolk University, collectively, we are. Students, faculty, staff are all some way linked to a role in making Suffolk University a model worldwide." Expressing that the Suffolk faculty was the exceptional of the exception, Patton told students that if a part of the university is shaken, whether it be through academics, athletics or the people of the school, the totality of the school is also shaken.

"I remember as a freshman, faculty members would put their home phone numbers on the syllabuses to answer our problems at "any" reasonable hour, so we, as the collective class of 1996, are indebted to these leaders." Patton told students that Suffolk and its history are being changed by the graduating class of 1996.

"Many of these changes will be influenced by that which we have lived and learned here at Suffolk. Therefore, we not need to fear these changes, but more, we should enter them with a confidence that Suffolk has taught us much and prepared us well."

"We are all hand in hand that we are the product of the Suffolk University process, and for that, we can all be proud."

After Patton's address, the confering of degrees ranging from Bachelor of Arts, Sciences to economies and administration, among many others, were bestowed upon Suffolk Seniors. With the graduation ceremonies closing with the benediction by the Reverend Charles Rice of the Boston-Cambridge Ministry in Higher Education and Suffolk University's Protestant Chaplain, Suffolk graduates stood and walked out to a future in which many felt optimistic, nervous and proud.

"I feel excited," said Andrea Irby, "because I have achieved my most major goal to graduate college. I feel proud of myself and Suffolk for helping me along."

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made to hire students to fill the new cafeteria positions that will be made available in the dorm, though the school has encouraged Sodexho to use the student body as an employment resource.

Security a big issue for dormitory residents

The building lies close to the area of Boston that has been known as the "Combat Zone," and Suffolk University has made a concerted effort to ensure the safety of its dormitory residents. To accommodate this concern, the school has increased the size of its police force to handle the security of the building. The building will be locked at all times, and card keys will be required to get in the front door.

In addition, two uniformed officers will be on duty at all times. One officer will be posted at the front desk to check in residents and visitors, and the other will be available to respond to calls, and make regular patrols of the grounds and common areas.

Plans for the dorm attract students nationwide

The dormitory will offer a new cafeteria, a recreation area, several study areas and a workout center. However, admittance will be limited to residents and their guests, yet there are plans in the works for school-wide activities that may take place in the basement rec room.

The dorm is being used to recruit students from all over the country. "We're getting people that we never would have had a chance of getting before the dorm," Dean of Students Nancy Stoll said. As of June 5, there were about 310 beds reserved out of the 400 that are available, but officials were still waiting for orders from international students who usually take longer to register.

The cost of the residence hall will be $7,950 for a double or triple room and $8,950 for a single overlooking the Boston skyline. The money obtained in fees is being used to run the building on a "break-even budget," according to Dean Stoll. However, the school has plans to use the building to host some educational conventions over the summer in an effort to raise additional revenue for the school.

Suffolk's new Director of Residence Life, who has yet to be named, will develop plans for resident activities, supervise the day to day operations of the dorm, and help students adapt to new surroundings.

When asked whether Suffolk plans to acquire additional residence facilities, Dean Stoll said that was "An open question... this is our first dormitory and we need to see how it goes." But she quickly added that "There has never been a plan for Suffolk to be more than a small portion residential."
Affordable summer movies and concerts for everyone

By Christian Engler
JOURNAL STAFF

Boston is a city brimming with activity, so much activity, in fact, that many students, faculty and individuals are not at all aware as to where to go to find it or how much it costs to enjoy a day or evening in a city with so much uniqueness, history and many other characteristics that separate it from all its other counterparts.

One special characteristic that has and continues to make Boston the jewel of Massachussets, is the Hatch Shell, which has over the years, developed a reputation for its excellence in delivering to Bostonians and tourists alike its free rock, alternative and classical outdoor concerts. Like years of the past, the 1996 performing arts series at the Hatch Shell will be no exception.

With a vast emerald-green lawn next to the Charles River and gentle breezes flowing throughout the vicinity, students, tourists and Bostonians flock every summer to the Hatch Shell to listen to various performers performing some of their best known hits. This 1996 concert year will see the likes of Little Richard, Spencer Davis to The Four Tops, The Buckinghamhams and Ronnie Spector with Percy Sledge.

However, if pop or classical is not your cup of tea, there is jazz, folk and American band music that is also available.

More than its live concerts, free movies are also available, movies ranging from “Mr. Holland’s Opus,” “Casablanca” to “Pocahontas” and “Casper” The Hatch Shell’s uniqueness comes from its diversity of its usage or rather what is performed or shown in it.

The Hatch Shell offers every kind of musical and movie genre for every conceivable age group.

To have a fun and interesting summer season where those not familiar with the city of Boston can find out more about it, come to the 1996 performing arts series at the Hatch Shell.
Editorials

Suffolk is much more than a school
by Ronica Hardway, Editor-in-Chief

Coming to Suffolk was a big step for me. I transferred from Florida and during this endless winter I continually questioned my sanity. How could I have left endless sandy beaches, warm tropical nights and a city where parking is as abundant as sea shells? What did I do to myself?

What I did was set some priorities. I came to Boston, Suffolk actually, because of the entire package. I was accepted by five other universities, but it was Suffolk which offered me the most.

Now I would be lying if I said that money was not a factor, of course it was, but most of the other schools had also extend attractive financial packages. No, it was the people. Everyone I came in contact with was accommodating, everyone.

I felt more at ease here than I did at any of the other schools I visited. I came to visit Suffolk and three other universities in March of '95. Suffolk was the only school where everyone was pleasant and accommodating.

At two of the other schools I was shuffled from office to office, ending up with no real answers. At the third school they had somehow misscheduled my appointments and told me I that would have to come back in a week. No one cared that I had flown up from Florida, so I crossed them right off my list.

By April, I had narrowed it down to Suffolk and the University of Miami. Financially, I was going to receive equal assistance, but it was the attitude of all the people who I had met here at Suffolk which swayed my decision.

I remembered sitting in Bob Rosenthal's office candidly talking about Suffolk and Miami, Nancy Fine from Admissions spending time answering all my questions, Bob Rauseo in the Financial Aid office explaining all my options, and how every person I had talked to had treated me like I was important, not just an application.

Sitting in orientation, I wondered if I had made the right choice. Actually for the next few months I would still keep asking myself the same question, even though I made several friends during orientation, but today I know that I am right where I am supposed to be.

I came to college to learn and I chose Suffolk because of the way it feels.

Greetings from the Orientation Staff

To the Class of 2000,

Allow us to be one of the first to welcome you to Suffolk! It seems that yesterday that we ended the year by celebrating Spring Week, and now we are already preparing for another semester at Suffolk. Many new opportunities and challenges await you as a Suffolk university student. Our Orientation program is designed for the students by the students, to help you face these challenges, and take advantage of the exciting opportunities at your feet.

As Orientation Staff it is our distinct pleasure to introduce you to these many new interests through our own persona experiences. Several of our staff have recently returned from a trip to London and Prague, others are pursuing opportunities as interns in their major, and still more are developing the social experiences. Several of our staff have recently returned from a trip to London and Prague, others are pursuing opportunities as interns in their major, and still more are developing the social experiences. Several of our staff have recently returned from a trip to London and Prague, others are pursuing opportunities as interns in their major, and still more are developing the social experiences.

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After the conclusion of Orientation, our roles do not end. We are always visible and approachable so that you may ask questions, find directions, or simply let us know how things are going for you. With every new student who enters this campus, Suffolk will evolve and grow around you. Not only will the faces of our students change, but also the campus continues to grow, and the opportunities are always increasing. We look forward to sharing and learning about these new directions of our University with you.

See you in September.

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By the students, for the students, since 1936

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Suffolk has many resources available

Jocelyn Meek—

As the end of my academic career at Suffolk draws near, there are many things that come to mind when I reflect on the past four years. For those of you who have only just begun here, I impart but a few words of wisdom (ahem!).

Throughout all of those assemblies and orientations, by now you have probably been saturated with advice on how to succeed. No doubt you made faces when the 500th motivational speaker said “Suffolk is what you make it.”

But alas, innocent little freshmen, wipe that smirk off your face, for once the aged are right: Suffolk will, in fact, give back to you only what you take.

Okay, so now you are looking up your dorms and finding the classroom you are assigned. Do not let others lead you astray: there are a lot of things besides a degree this institution offers.

Many of your peers will, no doubt, be in attendance only for that piece of paper, and not for the actual education. But you should plan to be different.

What you should aspire to is a well-rounded you. A majority of the student body are commuters who are working their way through school. Certainly, we must all tip our hats to them.

However, if you fall into that category, don’t let college life pass you by. Get involved in something! Join a club, run for SGA, or pledge one of the fraternities or sororities.

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I’m no preacher.

But what I will tell you is that I know what’s going on in your head right now. Just a couple of years ago, I was in your shoes. I was a kid walking off of the streets, trying to find my way through a veritable maze of hallways and elevators and orientation guides... just trying to find the room that I was supposed to register for classes in.

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Well, as you can tell, that transfer never happened.

It’s strange, but even as I tried to distance myself from this place, I found that it was growing on me. I joined the community here when I first arrived.

The Suffolk Journal is looking for you!

If you're interested in writing, advertising, editing or just want to hang out, come on down to our office at room 116 in the Student Activities center or call 573-8323.

Let me orient you, says Jim

Jim Behrle—

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 Orientation is more than a packet of papers

By Christine Scafidi
JOURNAL STAFF

A summer without an orientation program at Suffolk University would be like a summer without a thunderstorm. We're used to them and we anxiously await one every year. There are dozens of people responsible for this program including the Student Activities Office, Office of Financial Aid, Registrars Office and many student leaders. Suffolk’s orientation program is geared toward welcoming new students to Beacon Hill and to help them adjust to their new surroundings.

The staff is headed by Donna Schmidt, the Director of Student Activities and her Assistant Directors Lou Pellegrino and Jeanette Hixon. There is also a combined effort from Mary Lally in the Registrars Office and eight Orientation and Registration Scholars. The Scholars are students who receive a scholarship for the year-round planning and coordination of the orientation process. This scholarship is available to all students who have a GPA of 2.8 or higher. The responsibilities of the Scholars are many, ranging from training new staff members to coming up with new ideas to make the new students feel welcomed and at home in their new environment.

The Orientation program introduces Suffolk’s two curriculums CLAS (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) and SSOM (Sawyer School of Management), in such a way that the new students do not feel overwhelmed when choosing classes or a major. The departments explain how Suffolk's tuition process works and how to register for classes, which is accomplished through small group discussions and gives students a chance to interact with their peers.

The schedule of the program is laid out over two days so that new students don't get overwhelmed with too much information, have plenty of time to mingle with other students, and can have all their questions answered by their orientation leader.

Our orientation now includes the new Residence Life program, which is geared towards the students who will be living in the new Residence Hall. With all the new and exciting things happening at Suffolk University, there is no question that being part of the Orientation Staff is the best place to witness it all!

Financial Information

WELCOME TO SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY FROM THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

We look forward to working with you over the upcoming year. Each financial aid applicant is assigned a specific counselor within the Aid Office. All graduate applicants are assigned to the Director of Financial Aid, Christine Perry. Undergraduate applicant assignments are based on the first letter of the applicant’s last name. For your convenience, the breakdown is listed below:

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If you have questions or concerns don’t hesitate to contact us at 573-8470. Or visit us on the 8th floor of the Sawyer Building.

P.S. Information packets on the Work Study program will be mailed to recipients by mid-July.

GRAND SLAM POINTERS

1. Get Involved! You need to step up to the plate if you're ever going to get your pitch.

2. Be on the ball! Stay connected and know what is happening around campus. There is always something to do, so keep your eyes open.

3. Stay caught up! Don't wait until you feel you're getting behind to use the fantastic support services such as: the Ballotti Learning Center and the Math Support Center.

4. Steal Home! Check out the new Residence Hall on Tremont Street. Even if you're not living there now, it's a part of Suffolk's exciting new development to keep in mind.

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Check it out
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mute. Try gangsta rap or speed metal. And don’t use a walkman — that’s anti-social. It’s much better to share your musical taste with those around you. Boom box equals happy MBTA people.

Sing along if you like, or bring a guitar and bang out some hits solo. They may throw you enough money to buy lunch at the Derne St. Deli.

I wish I could share all of my knowledge about Suffolk with all of you, but you’d have to sleep with me to get anything more out of me.

My best advice is to drop my name around campus as often as possible. Professors and Deans will genuflect automatically at the mention of my name, and you yourself will become the most popular and desirable of the new flock just by pretending to know me.

Take care, you new and naive Suffolkians. I know we’ll meet again.

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radio station and got a show on Tuesday afternoons. I joined the staff of the Journal and got a column. I was having a good time.

After a year, I still wanted to transfer, but something was holding me back. I had made some friends. Good friends. The kind of friends that will take you out and get you drunk and won’t leave you standing at your front doorstep at 3 a.m.

Suffice to say, I’ve re-thought my plans. I’m pretty much here to stay.

I’ve grown to expect certain faces in the hallways every day, and something inside me just can’t bear the thought of making a sweeping change of scenery.

So keep an open mind as you walk around on your tour. Maybe you’re excited to be here, but maybe you’re looking for something more like I was. This place sure ain’t right for everyone, but if you give it a chance, it just might grow on you.

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Women's softball team wins championship

Getting back to basics helps Lady Rams turn the season around

By R. J. Hardway

The Suffolk's Women's Softball team tasted sweet victory Saturday, April 29th, as they went undefeated for the season and captured the title.

"I've never been a part of any team that has turned it around like they did," said Head Coach Christine Carr. "It was fun to be a part of it all."

The Lady Rams finished the season 17 and 15, with 13 of those wins coming during the second half. record midway into the season, with postseason play looking as questionable as spring. The endless winter dragged on, dumping snow on the city, while the team became buried in a blizzard of mistakes. "I've divided the season into two parts (snow-41) and after the snow (13-4)," said Carr. "I knew that we had the talent to do well, but we weren't playing like it."

During their slump, Carr preached basic fundamentals. Her sermons paid off. Almost over night they came together as a unit, executing plays and making fewer mistakes. They were seeded third for the league playoffs and faced Norwich in the first round.

The game went into extra innings with the Lady Rams emerging victorious, defeating Norwich 4-3. They advanced to the championship, to face the United States Coast Guard Academy, who had beaten them in both previous meetings during the season.

The team scored three big runs and Lincoln, supported by strong team defense, pitched a shut out, beating the Coast Guard 3-0.

"I've never seen anything like it, we peaked at the conference tournament," said Carr. "They played errorless ball and got the hits when we needed them."

Lincoln was named the tournament MVP and was also named to the GNAC All Tournament Team, along with teammates Leonarda Carriglio, Jen Connelly and Erica Peterson.

May be it was spring fever, who knows. What ever it was the softball team put it together and earned themselves and the university a championship.