Centennial ceremony honors 1,672 Suffolk graduates

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When the most successful athlete in North American sports history speaks, people listen.

And though the parquet was not underfoot May 20, Celtic legend Bill Russell spoke at Suffolk University's centennial ceremony at the TD Banknorth Garden and netted another title.

Russell's message preached kinship and stressed a "society that does things for each other, not to each other."

He said that kindness is an act of strength and "a society that is kind is a civil society." Citing a poem from his childhood Russell said, "It is not what we give but what we share. For the gift without the giver is bare."

Russell asked a favor of those in attendance, which was not solely directed at the members of the graduating class.

"Be kind to your families and your friends and your neighbors and I ask you to take the responsibility of trying to make this society all that it can be."

Bill Russell
Honorary Doctorate Recipient

was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the ceremony.

Russell led the Celtics to 11 NBA Championships in 13 years and also served as the first black head coach in league history.

Suffolk's athletic director, Jim Nelson, said of Russell's return to Boston: "Having 50 years ago been an eyewitness to the Boston Celtics first NBA championship, I very much look forward to seeing Bill Russell return to the location of one of his greatest successes. As I am certain is he."

Nelson said, "There have been few athletes who have demonstrat ed the unparalleled success that Bill Russell was able to provide to an appreciative audience."

On another area college campus New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg dispensed advice to Suffolk University graduates, urging them to call their mothers every day as he does and to take risks.

Speaking at Waltham's Brandeis University New York Times columnist and author Thomas Friedman focused on the importance of having a passion for work in light of the continuing outsourcing of jobs.

OCHO eases apartment hunt

Alex Pearlman
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When looking for a roommate, an apartment, cheap rent or any of the above, a Suffolk student's best bet is to contact Susan Leyva at Off-Campus Housing.

Formerly a teacher in Colombia, Leyva has been with Suffolk's Off-Campus Housing (OCHO) department for over ten years and built the department's impressive system for finding students housing from the ground up.

"At first we just gave a list of realtors," Leyva recalled.

Now, fortunately, OCHO does much more. "We hold students' hands throughout the housing process," Leyva said.

OCHO starts at the beginning with students, taking into consideration needs like finances and location, as well as personality in order to find a student the perfect roommate. OCHO's Roommate Database holds the names of hundreds of Suffolk students who have worked with OCHO. Besides the Database, OCHO works diligently to help students find roommates on their own.

"We meet with people and introduce students to each other," said Leyva. "We work with the Commuter Student Organization a lot to help students stay connected."

Many students are nervous about living with someone they don't know for the first time and many also have concerns about being cheated by realtors and brokers.

First-time students get a full packet from OCHO which contains details about the leasing process as well as a full list of students looking for roommates.

OCHO hasn't had many problems with brokers, mostly because the agents and brokers OCHO works with are strictly screened professionals. "We don't just look in the yellow pages," said Leyva.

However, there have been issues in the past with students looking for apartments and brokers online. "A lot of students go to Craigslist to look for apartments and there are people [on Craigslist] that pose as landlords."

In terms of roommates, OCHO tries to pair people together who will get along. However, sometimes there are problems between roommates, so OCHO has created a program called Roommate Mediation, through which the lines of communication are opened between roommates.

"We're also starting Sophomore Recruitment programs, which are designed to get students involved on campus again," said Leyva. "We also do commuter student socials and we're starting a Faculty Dinner series where students can get to know their professors outside the classroom. They can discuss their majors and possible career opportunities."

OCHO has definitely helped a number of Suffolk students ease into their apartment and roommate situations and is always available for questions and advice. To contact OCHO, email, call, or walk in to their office in 73 Tremont.

Rumors of concert's death greatly exaggerated

Jannsen McCormick
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Beset by delays, funding shortfalls and scheduling snafus Suffolk's centennial concert missed its initial February date before its ultimate cancellation in late March. Though no longer part of the celebration that came and went once every 100 years Student Activities Director Dan McHugh confirmed that the University is going forward with plans for a concert this year.

Beginning last fall by surveying students on genres, bands and what they knew their professors outside the classroom. They can discuss their majors and possible career opportunities."

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The HUB

The Hub at Suffolk University is an information center located in the Sagan Lobby of the Donahue Building. The Hub is staffed Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm (excluding holidays) while school is in session.

The Hub staff is available to answer questions, provide directions and to generally make your day a little less hectic. The Hub can be reached during regular operating hours at (617) 994-4225 or by email at thehub@suffolk.edu to answer all your questions.

Here are some services provided at The Hub:

- Academic, Social and Event Calendars
- Campus Maps and Discount Parking Information
- Semester T Pass Pick-Up (Advanced Sales Only)
- MBTA Maps and Schedules
- Club and Organization Event Tickets
- Office/Department Contact Information
- Computer and Phone Access
- Discount Movie Tickets to Lowes Theaters

Student Activities Center (SAC) Desk

The Student Activities Center (SAC) Desk is responsible for providing access to student organization offices to student leaders, answering questions regarding student clubs and resources available in the SAC, ticket sales and distributing game table accessories.

The SAC Desk is located on the fourth floor of the Donahue Building. The SAC Desk is open Monday through Friday from 6 pm to 10 pm & can be reached at (617) 994-4224.

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Student Activities and Service Learning encompasses the following offices/locations:

• The Hub
  (Donahue Building Lobby)
• Student Activities Office
  (5th Floor - Donahue Building)
• Student Activities Center (SAC) Desk
  (4th Floor - Donahue Building)
• S.O.U.L.S. Community Service & Service Learning Center
  (2nd Floor - Donahue Building)

Fun
Growth
Leadership
Diversity
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Citizenship

This is what student involvement means to Suffolk University.

At The Office of Student Activities and Service Learning, we support the efforts of over 70 student-run clubs and organizations. These clubs and organizations enrich the social and cultural life of the Suffolk community.

At Suffolk, learning happens both inside and outside the classroom. We provide fun opportunities for our students to make friendships and gain leadership skills that will last beyond an undergraduate experience.

Annual programs traditionally sponsored and supported by our office include:

• Unity Week
• Family Weekend
• Academic Recognition Day
• SU101: First Year Experience Course
• New Student and Transfer Orientation
• Welcome Week, Welcome Back Week, Spring Week, & Commuter Connections Week
• Student Activities Fair, Winter Involvement Fair, and Temple Street Fair
There is one big qualm I have with "Spiderman 3" and you will only realize it if you're a hopeless romantic like myself. Peter Parker (Toby Maguire) and Mary Jane (Kirsten Dunst) are in love. We know this. The whole damsel in distress thing is getting a little trite by the third movie. How many times can Mary Jane get stuck in a spiderweb and have Spiderman come save her?

A black spidey suit comes into the mix via a black gooey substance that is unexplained like a lot of things in the "Spiderman" trilogy. This makes for a tough decision on Parker's part to choose to be the better Spiderman and go with the good, even if being evil is easier. When the black stealth spidey suit falls into the hands that also hold a vendetta against Parker, a plotline is finally born! Three bad guys against one good guy make for good action scenes and great special effects.

"Spiderman 3" is all around disappointing. Unfortunately, they left it open and clear for a fourth movie.

As with all trilogies, the third one is the hardest to make. Not as good as the first, but just as plot heavy in order to wrap up the series. "Shrek the Third" is a lighthearted comedy about the ogre's adventure towards family life.

In the first movie Shrek (Mike Myers) got the girl, Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz). The sequel dealt with married life for the two newlyweds.
Erasing ennui with a summer in Boston

Kristin Morrell
Journal Staff

Classes and finals are at last over and the warm weather is approaching, as summer in Boston is officially here for college students.

Instead of spending your summer indoors with nothing to do, your student ID’s can get you some great deals around the Boston area this summer. So break out the shorts and flip flops and enjoy what Boston has for you this summer at a discounted price.

Super Duck Tours (not to be confused with Duck Tours), they are not your average duck tour but a thrilling new ride you can take from the Charlestown Navy Yard. Take a ride on these and discover Boston by land and by sea with landmarks that include the Boston Aquarium, the Wharf district, the old State House and many more stops along the way. Tickets are just $20 for students, and boats leave at 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm.

Codzilla has arrived in Boston Harbor, this new boat travels at up to 40 mph will get more thrills and laughs as you ride the newest boat on the water. This is a wet and wild type of boat as the music is blaring as the waves splash while passengers relive the tale of how Codzilla came to Boston. Starting on June 30 the Codzilla departs every hour for a forty minute cruise and for just $17 you can take the largest thriller on the water.

Blue Man Group is a great place to cool down and catch a exclusive show. This show is unlike any performance you have ever seen, it mixes music, comedy and multimedia theatrics to create such a unique show that is a must see. Student rush tickets are available about an hour before the show and are half off regular price tickets. Go to www.blueman.com for ticket information and show times.

TOMB is an interactive adventure that takes place in an incredibly realistic pharaoh tomb in an archeological dig site in ancient Egypt. Guests work in groups by using their body and mind to solve physical and mental challenges as they explore the tomb and try to discover the mystery of the lost professor, however once inside the tomb, the spirit of an ancient pharaoh is awakened and things take a turn for the worst.

A new TOMB adventure begins every fifteen minutes and for students if you can get a hold of student coupon books there is a two for one deal. Go to www.5-wits.com for show times and more information.

Fenway Park Tours are a great way to get to see the green monster considering you can’t get your hand on a pair of Red Sox tickets. Get to stand where your favorite players have played, where Babe pitched and where Ortiz thrills fans today. Get your tour on and visit one of the most beloved ballparks around.

For just $12 you can tour behind-the-scenes as tours leave the souvenir store hourly seven days a week from 9 am, to 4pm.

The Improv Asylum is a great place to beat the summer heat and get a good laugh. Located in the North End, the Improv Asylum is a comedy theater that includes improvisation and sketch comedy. With performances Wednesday through Saturdays you are sure to catch a show that will keep you laughing through the night. Tickets are just $15 for Wednesdays and just $20 for Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. For more information and for shows go to, www.improvasylum.com

We're excited that you're now a part of the Suffolk community! The Office of Diversity Services is at the center of Suffolk's efforts to ensure a positive and welcoming environment for everyone. We work with Suffolk's cultural student organizations and coordinate a variety of events throughout the year to celebrate diversity within our campus. We invite you to stop by our Welcome Reception this fall.

DIVERSITY SERVICES WELCOME RECEPTION
Tuesday, September 11, 2007
1:00-2:30 pm
Donahue 403

For more information, visit our website www.suffolk.edu/diversity, email diversity@suffolk.edu or call 617.573.8613.
While we’re defending traditions -
let’s just bring back polygamy

Rusted and gray, how is it found
its dents and dings outnumbered
only by its political bumper stick-
ers. All blunt little slogans that
make new policy from the bench
usurp “their role and authority by
male and female restroom sign sil-
houettes. I wondered if the owner
of the car would ever notice if I
drew another female silhouette,
then another, and one more after
that. Just as the owner of the car
wasn’t ready to let some revision-
ists eliminate the historical role of
polygamy. Stretching back millions of
years (well before the introduction
of what monogamy activists call a
“proven formula for healthy fami-
lies”) polygamy contributed to
success stories such as the Khans
of the Mongol Empire and the
dynasties of Egypt. The Mongols
also rampaged across Eurasia
killing and enslaving millions and
the Egyptians shared a similar
affinity for slavery. Was slavery a
“proven formula for healthy fami-
lies?” It sure was for those at the
top, just ask Thomas Jefferson
who put himself out to stud after
his presidential term ended.

So should we embrace tradi-
tional and proven formulas and
bring back both slavery and
polygamy in this fine nation? No.
Both of those traditional social
structures were abandoned in
favor of social progress. So why
do so many people have a problem
with gay marriage?

Returning to Vote on
Marriage’s statement of intent we
find this delightful little chestnut,
“redefining marriage to accommo-
date homosexuals rejects and
changes the proven formula for
healthy families and children to
satisfy the sexual desires of a small
percentage of adults.”

Sexual desires? What the hell
does marriage have to do with sex-
ual desires? Perhaps my under-
standing of what gives marriage
its sanctity is a little shaky but isn’t
the whole point of marriage (and
this is a definition that has changed
only within the last century or so)
to unite two people who love each
other? If someone, gay or straight,
is considering marriage it isn’t on a
whim (celebrity publicity wed-
dings aside). The couple believes,
even if some feel otherwise, that
they are in love and want to spend
the rest of their lives together. So
why stop them?

Sex, though an important part
of a healthy marriage, is secondary
to the decision as anyone’s “sexual
desires” can be fulfilled through
casual sex.

Though the folks behind Vote
on Marriage attempt to wrap their
message in compassion for chil-
dren it seems that compassion
does not extend to homosexuals
whom they dehumanize at best as
deviants, concerned only with sex-
ual fulfillment.

If you held such an immature
view of marriage is it any wonder
why stop them?

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  of New England
- The University Chaplain who serves as a
  * a counselor
  * a spiritual guide
  * an education advocate
  * an ethical voice on campus
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  * spirituality
  * religion
  * racial issues
  * ethics
  * morality
  * finding meaning and purpose in life

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New Student Convocation
Tuesday, September 4, 2007, 2:30 pm
Converse Hall, Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont Street, Boston

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Please RSVP by returning the reply card included with the invitation sent to your home in July or by calling (617) 305-6307.
Sports

Hall of Fame welcomes new inductees

Tim Rosenthal
Journal Staff

As part of the Centennial Celebration at Suffolk, May 10 was another one of those days to celebrate 100 years of Suffolk University. The Athletic Department and Alumni Relations helped bring the inaugural Hall of Fame ceremony to the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge.

The selection committee included James Nelson, an inductee himself, Ice Hockey Head Coach Chris Glismon, Public Affairs chair Tony Furtle, and Master of Ceremonies Paul Vaccaro, who played basketball at Suffolk from 1982-1986.

It was a fulfilling evening filled with many guests, from past and current athletes, to faculty, including Dean Stoll who gave out the opening remarks. In a statement Stoll said "We would be a much lesser University without our athletic program.

"The first inductee was the father of Suffolk Athletics Charles Law. Law was a World War II veteran who coached Basketball and Baseball at Suffolk. He led the team to nationals in 1941. He would later go where a path may lead, go where it is needed.

"Making his record all the more impressive was the fact that Little achieved this mark before the introduction of the three-point line and shot clock. Originally from Jamaica, Little and his family moved to Dorchester when he was 13. He did not play basketball until coming here to the States. Vaccaro pointed out before inducting him onto the stage that "He was an unselfish player who made his teammates better."

Little helped the team qualify for the NCAA Division III Regional Tournament in each of his first three seasons. As a senior, Little led the team in scoring, averaging 24.6 points per game, while also averaging 10.4 rebounds per game.

His accolades include an All-American from Basketball Weekly magazine, an All-New England team honor from various publications and basketball associations; an All New England team honor from various publications and basketball associations; an All New England team honor from various publications and basketball associations; an All New England team honor from various publications and basketball associations; and an All-Star selection from the New England Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The final athlete was Brian Horan who was an outstanding Hockey player. Horan is the all-time leading scorer in school history with 302 points, 169 goals, and 133 assists. He led the team in each of his four years in goal, assists, and total points.

In his senior season, Horan lead the nation in total points with 104, was voted ECAC North Player of the Year for the second time in three years, and was an ECAC all-star for the third consecutive time. He led the Rams to a 22-5 record as the team reached the finals of the ECAC Division III North tournament.

Horan later became a coach of the hockey team at Suffolk from 1999 to 2004. In 2004 Horan guided the team to their first ECAC Northeast Division III playoffs, a feat that hadn't been accomplished since 1993.

The 1990-1991 Ice Hockey Team and the 1974-1975 Men's Basketball Team were the final two inductees. The 1990-1991 Ice Hockey Team had a record of 22-5 making it to the ECAC Division III North Tournament, losing to Fitchburg State College in the championship game. Under head coach Bill Burns, the Rams defeated Bentley College and Tufts University to win the Chowder Cup.

And finally the 1974-1975 Men's Basketball Team wrapped up the night. The team was led by Head Coach Charles Law, assistant coach James Nelson, and the talented Donovan Little. The Rams finished with a 16-7 record after a 4-5 start to the season. The Rams defeated Boston State College in the first round of the NCAA Division III Regional tournament before losing to Brandeis University in the championship game. Coach Nelson mentioned in his speech that "This team represented the renaissance of Suffolk sports."

Another feat worth mentioning is that during the course of the season Suffolk defeated three Division II schools in the Merrimack College Holiday Tournament (Bryant College, St. Anselm's College, and Merrimack College) which really helped the Rams take off after a shaky start.

A banner will be hung up in the Regan Gymnasium at the Ridgeway building with all the inductees of the inaugural Hall of Fame throughout the 2007-2008 season.