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Academic Conference to Explore Discovery

The University will host a half-day academic conference, *Discovery: Boundaries & Connections*, on Thursday, March 30. The conference will feature a diverse sampling of research and scholarship currently under way at the University, according to the Centennial Faculty Advisory Committee. The event is open to all Suffolk students, faculty and staff.

"The conference theme, discovery, is broad by design," said Sawyer Business School Professor Magid Mazen, a member of the conference planning subcommittee.

DISCOVERY BOUNDARIES & CONNECTIONS

"The intent is to show a wide variety of academic work, offering the Suffolk community an opportunity to learn more about the type of research and scholarship that is ongoing at the University." Mazen said that more than 40 different faculty members will be contributing to the conference through presentations and poster sessions or as moderators and facilitators.

Provost Patricia McGuire Meservey, who helped set the criteria in a "call for papers," said the faculty response was impressive.

"We received a significant number of proposals for a half-day event, which says a lot about the strength of our faculty," said Meservey.

Faculty presentations at the conference will range from business ethics to judicial review to an analysis of pupil dilation while visiting Web sites.

In addition to Meservey and Mazen, the planning subcommittee for the conference includes Beth Bower, University archivist and director of the Moakley Archive and Institute; Associate Dean of the College Lauri Umansky; and Director of Corporate Education Julie Schniewind.

The Discovery Conference will convene at 12:30 p.m. in the Law School's first-floor func-

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Taking a 'Ewe-Turn' to Suffolk Law

Suffolk University Law School Professor Michael Rustad has never been sheepish about his upbringing.

Rustad grew up on a farm just outside Humboldt, Minn., just eight miles from the Canadian border, and raised sheep — the Suffolk breed to be exact. He never needed to count sheep at night to fall asleep. That's because he was so tired from keeping track of them during the day.

He would rise every morning at 6 to care for the sheep and a small herd of cattle. During the winter months, the temperature outside often reached 45 degrees below zero, so Rustad knew firsthand the conditions described by Jack London in "To Build a Fire." He would feed the animals and clean out the manure in the sheep shed before boarding the school bus.

"The experience of working long hours under those severe weather conditions was tremendous motivation for me to study hard and to be a good student," said Rustad, who graduated third in his class of 13 students at Humboldt-St. Vincent High School in 1967 (the two students ahead of him were national merit scholars). "I had about 100 sheep, but my dad sold them all shortly after I left for college."

Rustad learned at an early age that, while raising sheep was hard work, it also had its monetary rewards. "Our Suffolk ewes would produce between five to eight pounds of wool, which was considered an excellent yield," he explained. "My dad told me that I would receive all of the proceeds of sales from the fleeces. I often give credit to my Suffolk sheep for financing my college education."

Rustad refused to eat lamb or slaughter any lambs that he raised. He proudly claims that his Suffolk sheep were kept for their full lifespans and never lost a lamb during the lambing season.

"I regarded Suffolk ewes as superior mothers and great wool producers," said Rustad, whose grandfather, A.H. Rustad, Sr., was one of the first farmers to raise the Suffolk breed of sheep in northwest Minnesota. "My favorite was a sheep we called Granny, who lived to be 18, which was an amazing age for a ewe. Granny produced many sets of twins and several sets of triplets."

He also mentioned another sheep, Sparkles, who was bottle-fed, could open the barn door with her nose and performed tricks, such as standing on her hind legs while leaning on any family member who showed her attention. "Like Mary's little lamb," beamed Rustad, "Sparkles followed us around much like a pet dog."

The Suffolk sheep that Rustad raised were quite large (weighing in at around 250 to 300 pounds) with dark or sometimes speckled faces. They were clearly different from the white-

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Professor Rustad's sister, Jamie, with Sparkles.

A Message to Readers



Dear Readers:

As we approach another spring, I reflect on the seeds that have been planted over the past year. The labor of so many ushers in many new beginnings across campus, and we all

look forward to seeing the bountiful fruit it will bear.

One outstanding outcome of tremendous labor and planning will be the opening of the Mildred Sawyer Library at 73 Tremont Street. The new library will open on May 8— ahead of schedule— and will give us all just one more reason to be proud of Suffolk University. Librarian Bob Dugan's enthusiasm is infectious as he talks about the new space. He has placed a virtual tour of the construction site online at <http://www.suffolk.edu/sawlib/construction/newlib.html> for those interested in seeing the most up-to-date view of the project.

And speaking of Web sites, the work and activity involved in redesigning the University, College of Arts and Sciences and Business School Web sites have engaged many people from all areas of our campus.

Another project that has attracted much well-deserved attention is the renovation of the C. Walsh Theatre, which is scheduled to reopen in the fall of 2006.

All of these projects have touched and included people from across campus. This widespread participation ensures that the final products will be a collective statement from everyone.

Thinking about these projects calls to mind a mosaic that is being updated with exquisite love and attention: A new library, the renovation of a much-loved theater and a Web site that will speak to hundreds of thousands of visitors a year. All of these projects speak with one universal language that represents what makes Suffolk unique, and that is the devotion, commitment and pride that people have for this wonderful institution.

Enjoy this coming spring and look forward to a much awaited harvest in the fall of 2006!

Rosemarie E. Sansone
Executive Editor

Adams Gallery Celebrates BSO's 125th Anniversary

FOR 125 YEARS THE Boston Symphony Orchestra has been a cultural institution that inspires pride in Bostonians and enjoys a fine reputation worldwide. To mark the BSO's 125th anniversary, the Adams Gallery is exhibiting photographs and artifacts from the orchestra's archives.

The exhibit, *BSO Celebrates 125 Years*, tells the story of the orchestra from the time of its founding in 1881 by Bostonian Henry Lee Higginson, who long had dreamed of having a premiere orchestra in his hometown. It follows the careers of a series of influential conductors and music directors, along with the new work they premiered. It also takes a close look at the magnificent and acoustically outstanding Symphony Hall, the orchestra's home since 1900.

BSO Celebrates 125 Years will run through June 2006 at the Adams Gallery.



NESADSU Gallery Features Student Work

The gallery at the New England School of Art and Design is showing works by students through May 13. The 2006 student exhibitions are as follows:

Foundation: March 19–April 1

Reception: 5:30–7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23

Graphic Design: April 2–April 15

Reception: 5:30–7:30 p.m. Friday, April 7

Fine Arts: April 16–April 29

Reception: 5:30–7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21

Interior Design: April 30–May 13

Reception: 5:30–7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5

Unity Week 2006: Independently Together

Unity Week, Suffolk's annual celebration of diversity and community, is a collaborative effort by students, faculty and administrators. It will kick off Monday, March 20 and run through Thursday, March 30 when the Unity Week Showcase will take place from 7–11 p.m. in the Regan Gymnasium, Ridgeway Building. Unity Week's entertainment, speakers, dialogues, open classes, food and music not only recognize the diversity represented within the University, but affirm the value and vitality that this pluralism brings to the individual and collective experience here at Suffolk.

For information, visit www.suffolk.edu/unityweek or contact Bessie Chuang: bchuang@suffolk.edu, Ext. 8320. •

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Tech Talk: The Never-Ending Battle Against Spam

“Spam.” That four-letter word soon will rank up there with the seven words you can’t say on television. The big question on everyone’s lips is: What to do about spam? How can we stop the torrent of unwanted e-mails? In this article we will outline what Suffolk University does to curtail the onslaught of junk e-mail.

There are many ways the industry has dealt with spam over the past handful of years. The most common are Blacklists, Lexical Analysis and Bayesian Filtering. All of these methods have both pros and cons, and at Suffolk we use them all.

Blacklists

These are simple lists of known spammers. If an e-mail comes from one of these addresses, it is sent to quarantine and not delivered.

Lexical Analysis

This is a little more complicated. This is an algorithm that looks at every piece of the e-mail (not just the message you read) and searches for bad words and phrases. Once the phrases are found they are assigned a relative score. If the combined score of all of the found phrases is over the threshold, then the message is classified as spam, again quarantined and not delivered.

Bayesian Filtering

This is an even more complex system in which each e-mail that is known to be spam is broken apart and stored in a database. Each good e-mail also is broken apart and stored in a different database. As each message is scanned and deemed good or bad, the databases are updated, creating a comprehensive list of “parts of e-mail” to help classify the e-mail as either good e-mail or spam.

Now don’t get worried, none of these e-mails are ever just deleted. They all go to quarantine areas, where we take a quick look at the report generated by the scanning software and verify that the action taken is correct. If we see an e-mail that has been classified as spam and we see that it should have been sent along to you, the user, we release it and then update the rules so the likelihood of repeat quarantining is minimized.

We don’t read e-mails that have been quarantined, just the reports generated by the software program.

The same is true for e-mails that were delivered that we see actually are spam. We tweak the rules so those e-mails will be quarantined for review as opposed to being sent to you.

You might be thinking: “WOW! That is a whole lot of work! But I still get a ton of junk e-mail! What’s up with that?”

Yes, it is a lot of work and overall a mere 1 percent to 5 percent of spam e-mail is actually getting to you the user. That means that we are stopping 95 percent to 99 percent of all junk e-mail coming into Suffolk University.

We are always trying to work smarter, not harder. In the very near future we will be introducing new features that will enable you to manage your own personal set of spam rules.

We have received many calls from people questioning e-mail problems: e-mails taking more than three hours to be delivered, e-mails never delivered, etc. Many of these isolated incidents are the result of e-mails that were classified as spam. We look through the records, find it and send it on its way. Unfortunately all of this takes time, and engineering new rules to prevent recurrences takes time as well. At the least, now you know why.

If you would like more information regarding this topic please feel free to contact Network Services. You can also e-mail spam@suffolk.edu if you feel you are in the middle of an e-mail problem, and we will do everything we can to help you get to the bottom of it.

When attempting to deal with spam, remember that spammers also get your e-mail from the Internet, public areas that many people use such as newsgroups and blogs.

Here are a few tips to help keep yourself off of the spammer’s lists:

- Subscribe to lists that are moderated or that you trust.
- When filling out forms, check to make sure that the company isn’t going to sell your e-mail address to third parties.
- Try to steer clear of newsgroups and other truly public forums.
- NEVER reply to spam e-mail messages, especially the ones with directions on how to remove your e-mail address from the lists!
- Try not to have your e-mail address on Web sites, if you have any control over it. Quick tip: Type out your e-mail address in MS Paint, make a picture of it and use that. Spammers can’t use automatic means to get your address then...
- Most e-mail programs have rules you can set up that will help you manage spam — Set them up, use them ... love them.

Reynold McGuire (MCSE)
Network Services Group

Academic Conference

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tion room for the opening plenary session. Breakout sessions will follow in nearby classrooms beginning at 1 p.m. Six different concurrent breakout sessions will be offered, allowing participants to attend at least two sessions. Following the breakout, the Conference will reconvene on the 25th floor at One Beacon Street for a “World Cafe,” where presenters and attendees will meet over coffee and refreshments to discuss

the presentations and offer feedback for future conferences. A reception will follow, beginning at 5 p.m.

The Conference is free, but registration is required. To register online or to receive more information, visit <http://www.suffolk.edu/provost/academicconference>. •

Potpourri

A SUNbeam on CAS Associate Dean **Susan Thayer**, who was named an academic fellow of the American Council of Developmental Education Associations in recognition of her distinguished work in learning assistance and developmental education. She was honored Feb. 17 at the annual conference of the National Association for Developmental Education in Philadelphia, Pa. ... **The Office of Student Activities and Service Learning** has awarded Service Learning Seed Grants to five faculty members. These course development grants serve to expand the number of courses offered at the University that incorporate service learning as a teaching pedagogy. The Spring 2006 recipients and the courses they are teaching: **Debra Harkins**, Psychology, "Psychology of Self and Identity;" **Doris Lewis**, Chemistry, "Instrumental Analysis;" **Scott Lussier**, Environmental Engineering, "Geographic Information Systems;" **Gerry Manning**, Sociology, "Homelessness;" and **Sukanya Ray**, Psychology, "Cyberpsychology." Additional grants are available for the Summer I & II 2006 semesters. Contact Carolina Garcia at cgarcia@suffolk.edu or Ext. 8320 for more information. ... Since 1999, **The Beacon Hill Institute** has participated in the annual Job Shadow Day sponsored by the Boston Private Industry Council and the Boston Public Schools to expose students to everyday work experiences. This year a junior from Brighton High School, Taisin "Esha" Hasan, shadowed **Frank Conte** for the day. "BHI is an enthusiastic supporter of Job Shadow Day," said Conte. "As a participant, it offers us an opportunity to connect with students from the city and to introduce them to some of the public policy ideas surrounding our work. It also provides a chance to showcase the offerings here at Suffolk University." ... **Barbara Abrams**, Humanities and Modern Languages, delivered "Contextualizing the Confessions: Rousseau and the Subjectivity of Truth," the NEH lecture in the Core Curriculum Series at Boston University on Feb. 7. ... **Robert Allison**, History, was the principal speaker at the Evacuation Day celebration at Dorchester Heights, South Boston on March 17. He also served as a judge in the citywide high school essay contest, "Two Hills, Two Generals," celebrating the link between Fort Hill in Roxbury and Dorchester Heights in South Boston. The winning entrant will spend two weeks in Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y. ... **Andrew Beckerman-Rodau**, Law School, presented "Ethical Risks from the Use of Technology," at the ALS program co-sponsored by the New York City Bar on Jan. 26 in New York City. ... **John Berg**, Government, was appointed to the State Key Votes Advisory Board of Project Vote Smart, a non-partisan organization that provides objective information about candidates so that voters can make well-informed decisions. ... **Beth Bower**, Archives, was appointed to the Massachusetts Historical Commission by Secretary of State William F. Galvin as a representative of the Massachusetts Historical Society. ... **Carol Dine**, English, was interviewed about her book *Places in the Bone* on Wisconsin Public Radio. She also discussed truth in memoir writing based on her Suffolk course, "Creative Non-Fiction." The interview can be heard online at www.caroldine.com/appearances.htm. ... **Bob Dugan**, Sawyer Library, was appointed to the board of advisers for the PhD in Managerial Leadership in the Information Professions at Simmons College. ... **Steven Ferrey**, Law School, spoke at a conference on "Corporate Governance and Environmental Law" Feb. 4 at the William and Mary Law School. ... **Lynda Field**, Counseling Center, presented a



INTEGRATED STUDIES FAREWELL

English Professors Gerald Richman and Fred Marchant surround CAS Dean Kenneth Greenberg during a recent event to celebrate the successful 23-year run of the course titled, Integrated Studies. Due to the new CAS Curriculum, starting in the Fall of 2006, Integrated Studies will no longer be a required course.

workshop on "Cultural Considerations in Family Forensic Work" at Massachusetts General Hospital for the Children and Law Post-Doctoral Program. She also attended the 23rd annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, in New York City. ... **Younna Hinnawi**, Center for International Education, was quoted in the January/February '06 edition of *International Educator* in an article on master's degree programs in international education. ... **Peter Jeffreys**, English, delivered a paper on "C.P. Cavafy and English Aestheticism" at Princeton University. The paper will be published in May issue of the *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*. ... **Kristi Jovell**, Law Financial Aid, was elected secretary of the Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, a non-profit regional organization for financial aid professionals. She will serve for two years as an officer on the Executive Council. ... **Paul Korn**, Counseling Center, attended the Society Organized Against Racism in Higher Education (SOAR) Conference on Professional Development at Trinity College in Connecticut, which focused on the "Wise Mentoring" of students of color in educational settings. Korn is past president of SOAR. ... **David Rice**, Government, has joined the department as an adjunct faculty member teaching "International Law and Organizations." ... **Christopher Rodriguez**, History, presented a paper, "Fashioning Mexico's Indigenous Soul: Festival and Ethnic Identity in Postrevolutionary Oaxaca, 1932-1944," at the Latin American Studies Association 2006 meeting March 15 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. ... **Jay Rosellini**, Humanities and Modern Languages, is listed in 2005-2006 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. ... **Sebastián Royo**, Government and director of the Madrid campus, will present "Varieties of Capitalism in Spain" at the III Congresso of the Associação Portuguesa de Ciência Política March 30-31 in Lisbon. He also presented "Lessons from the Iberian Integra-

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Suffolk In The News

The University's Faculty and Administrators are quoted regularly in local and national media. The following is a sampling of recent media mentions, including radio and television. To view the complete list, go to www.suffolk.edu and click on In the News.

Chronicle (WCVB-TV Channel 5), Feb. 20, 2006

Bob Allison, History, talks about Boston Post Road as a part of Main Streets, Back Roads.

WHDH-TV (7News), Feb. 17, 2006

Jane Bybee, Psychology, is interviewed by 7 Healthcast reporter Dr. Deanna Lites.

Wall Street Journal, Feb. 14, 2006

Suffolk University and American Management Services conduct poll on small businesses.

Boston Globe, Feb. 14, 2006

Deb Geisler, Communication and Journalism, comments on the Boskone Science fiction convention.

Boston Globe, Feb. 14, 2006

Gregory Fried, Philosophy, speaks on the accuracy of Wikipedia.

MarketingSherpa.com, Feb. 9, 2006

Andrew Beckerman-Rodau, Law School, comments on patent law.

WHDH-TV (7News), Feb. 7, 2006

Andy Hiller reports on a recent poll conducted by Suffolk University and 7News.

Also appeared in:

Swing State Project, Feb. 7, 2006

Sentinel and Enterprise, Feb. 7, 2006

South Coast Today, Feb. 7, 2006

Boston Herald, Feb. 7, 2006

Austin Business Journal, Feb. 6, 2006

David Paleologos, Political Research Center, comments on the small business poll conducted by Suffolk U. and American Management Services, Inc.

Also appeared in:

Boston Herald, Feb. 9, 2006

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Feb. 4, 2006

Marc Rodwin, Law School and author of "Medicine, Money and Morals: Physicians' Conflicts of Interest," talks about physicians' ethical behavior.

Byte and Switch, Feb. 1, 2006

Praneeth Machettira, Sawyer Business School, comments on XOsoft software

Boston Globe, Jan. 26, 2005

Playful dollops: New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk University presents Martin Mugar: Pulled Dots

Kansas City infoZine, Jan. 26, 2006

John Berg, Government, comments on the nomination of Samuel Alito •



Grand Opening a Success

Sawyer Business School Dean William O'Neill proudly wears a baseball cap he purchased last month during the grand opening of the high school store at Georgetown Middle/High School. Georgetown and Medford high schools are part of a pilot program teaming high school students with Suffolk's undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurship students, and Suffolk hopes to partner with additional high schools across the commonwealth. (Photo by John Gillyooly)

Faculty Publications

Krisanne Bursik, Psychology, and Timothy Martin, Psychology PhD program alumnus, have published "Ego Development and Adolescent Academic Achievement" as the lead article in the March volume of the *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.

Bob Dugan, Mildred Sawyer Library, co-edited with Professors Peter Hernon and Candy Schwartz of Simmons College, *Revisiting Outcomes Assessment in Higher Education*, published by Libraries Unlimited of Westport, Conn. (January 2006).

Charles Kindregan and **Maureen McBrien**, Law School, co-authored an article on "Posthumous Reproduction" that was published in the current issue of the *Family Law Quarterly*.

Sebastián Royo, Government and director of the Madrid campus. His review of the book, *State of War: The Secret History of the CIA and the Bush Administration* by James Risen, will be published in *Foreign Policy Edición Española*, No. 14, 2006.

Entire Community Collaborates to Make Centennial a Success

THE MOMENTUM CONTINUES TO BUILD as the University approaches the beginning of its Centennial Celebration. The Centennial logo seen on this page, first exhibited publicly as a First Night ice sculpture, will begin to appear on all Suffolk publications, including stationery.

In addition to early and continuing feedback from faculty, administrators and staff about how the celebration should proceed, there has been outreach to alumni and students.

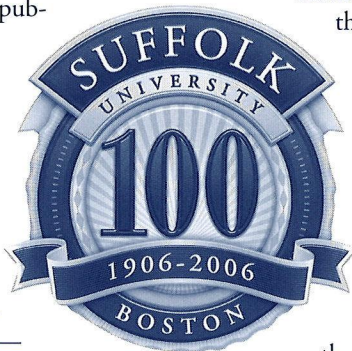
Rosemarie Sansone, who is chairing the Centennial Celebration, has had several productive meetings with the Alumni Council, and publications geared to alumni give the latest Centennial news and refer readers to the Centennial Celebration Web site—<http://www.suffolk.edu/centennial>. Several alumni board members have become involved in biweekly Centennial planning meetings through conference calls.

Student Senator Max Koskoff also has begun attending Centennial working committee meetings and will promote a recently completed online survey for students among his peers.

“I learn something new every time I go to a Centennial meeting,” said Koskoff. “It’s not always about how the students will celebrate; often

it’s neat little facts about Suffolk that I didn’t know, and I really like that.”

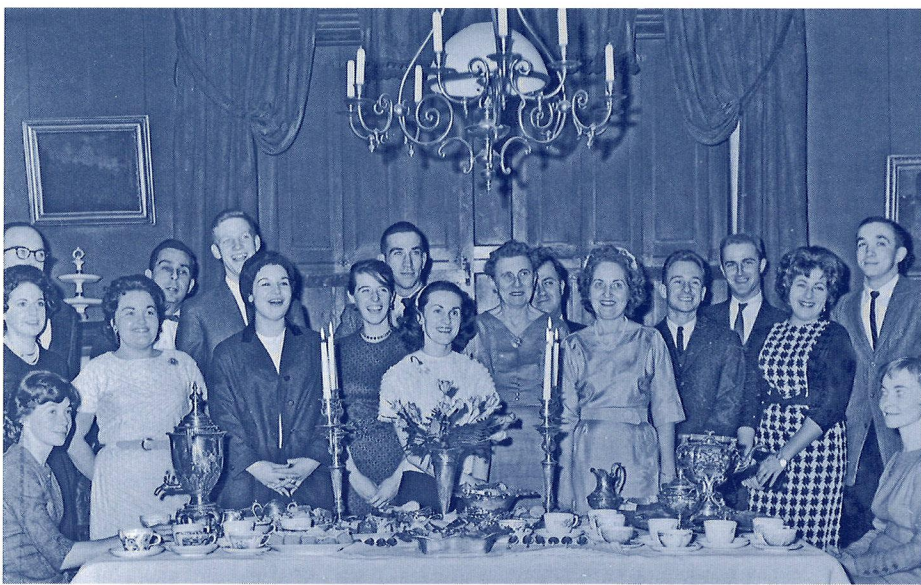
Koskoff said the students are especially looking forward to the opening festivities, planned for Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, and a concert in the spring semester.



Suffolk students also plan to publish a photography book, “Special Faces and Places of Suffolk,” in honor of the Centennial. This is in addition to the Arcadia Press illustrated history of the University, which will include more than 200 images and be available in Boston-area bookstores.

Sansone also has begun meetings with representatives from Suffolk’s satellite campuses to discuss how they will join in the celebration.

“Planning the Centennial Celebration has been a process of great discovery,” said Sansone. “As we revisit our past we are discovering the many ways that Suffolk is unique. But the one common theme that comes through in talking with everyone involved—students, faculty, staff and alumni—is that what makes Suffolk so special is its people. Over and over, talk turns to that one special person who took the time and made all the difference in the world.” •



Convivial Gathering

Social events have always complemented serious study at Suffolk University. Here Florence Petherick, center, in gray suit, who served as women’s adviser from 1958 to 1972, presides over a tea. Such gatherings typically brought together students from the Law School, Business School, and College, as everyone shared the same building in the University’s earlier days. (Suffolk University Archives photo)

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tion in the EU after 20 Years” March 17 at the 20th Anniversary of the Accession of Spain and Portugal to Europe conference, organized by the Prince of Asturias Chair, BMW Center for German and European Studies, at Georgetown University. ... Dean of Students **Nancy Stoll** was the keynote speaker for a January workshop on “Helicopter Parents” sponsored by the Massachusetts College Personnel Association at Suffolk University. ... **Aurelio Valente**, Student Activities and Service Learning, received the 2005 Outstanding Service Award for the Massachusetts College Personnel Association in March at the American College Personnel Association convention in Indianapolis. The award recognizes his contributions to the organization and the student affairs profession. ... **Creative Services**, a division of the University Media Services and Suffolk’s professional marketing publications team, has moved to its new location on the 25th floor of One Beacon Street. To learn more about its services and to view a sampling of published projects, go to www.suffolk.edu/creativeservices. ... New employees in the Law School are **Valerie Gould** and **Kara Peterson**. ... •

Upcoming Programs from Human Resources

THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE IS OFFERING a number of new and different workshops. Please contact Human Resources at Ext. 8415 to register for these programs.

WELL-BEING SERIES

All About Tea with Brenda Gorashi, owner and operator of Antiquiteas in Salem, NH, is a unique course that promises to provide something for everyone from the casual tea drinker to the tea lover. Learn how to brew tea, the health benefits of teas, tea etiquette and how to present an afternoon tea or an elegant bridal tea. Please bring a teacup and saucer for a swap—no mugs or chipped teacups.

Noon–2 p.m. Friday, April 7
CMD Conference Room, One Beacon St., 25th floor
Lunch is included.

The Best Perennials Through the Four Seasons featuring Pernell Gerver, host of the Gardening Workshop Series, will focus on how to create a perennial flower garden. A question-and-answer session will follow the program as well as a sale of rare, hard-to-find, and useful plants and gardening products.

1–2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31
Miller Hall, 10 Somerset St., first-floor lounge

Real Estate Advantage: Home-Selling Seminar

11 a.m.–noon Tuesday, April 11
CMD Conference Room, One Beacon St., 25th floor

Real Estate Advantage: Home-Buying Seminar

Noon–1 p.m. Tuesday, April 25
CMD Conference Room, One Beacon St., 25th floor
Snacks and drinks provided.

FINANCIAL PLANNING SERIES

Presented by SullivanKreiss Financial

Mid-20s to Mid-30s: First Things First: Developing a Plan for a Sound Financial Future provides some practical advice and tips to maximize income, minimize debt and income taxes as well as organize and plan for short-, medium- and long-term financial goals.

3–5 p.m. Tuesday, May 2
Sargent Hall, Law School, Room 365

Mid-30s to 50: Investing in Uncertain Times: Financial Planning in Today's Economic Environment will help you to avoid common pitfalls in investing and saving for the future.

3–5 p.m. Tuesday, May 16
CMD Conference Room, One Beacon St., 25th floor.

50+: Putting It All Together: Transitioning Toward Retirement will address pre-retirement planning and post-retirement distribution planning, estate planning and long-term-care issues.

3–5 p.m. Tuesday, March 28
Sargent Hall, Law School, Faculty Dining Room, 4th floor

Noon–2 p.m. Tuesday, May 23
CMD Conference Room, One Beacon St., 25th floor



Professor Michael Rustad

Taking a 'Ewe-Turn'

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of Suffolk mascot. “The original Suffolk breed was a result of crossing Southdown rams with Norfolk Horned ewes,” says Rustad. “The distinctive characteristic of the Suffolk sheep is the dark face, high shoulders and long necks. The breed was first recognized in 1810, but they were not raised in the Midwest until the 1920s.”

Suffolk's athletic teams originally were known as the Royals, for the royal blue and gold school colors. However, in the 1950s, Suffolk students showed up for a pep rally with a sheep. “That's when Gleason Archer said that the Suffolk sports teams would be called the Rams,” says Rustad. “He even named the Ram after his brother, Hiram.”

Rustad, 56, lives in Boston during the week and in South Burlington, Vt., on the weekends. He is now the Thomas F. Lambert, Jr., Profes-

sor of Law, and he has seen tremendous growth in the Law School since he joined the faculty in 1988.

“Suffolk has always had this tradition of giving people an opportunity to learn,” he said. “Years ago, some of those people came from farms; now they come from all the continents. We've become a national and global law school.”

Looking back at the path he has followed, Mike Rustad finds it ironic and amusing that he raised Suffolk sheep as a boy and today teaches at Suffolk Law, where the school's mascot is a Suffolk ram. “I feel like my life has come full circle,” he said. •

Cooperative Education Celebrates 25th Anniversary

THE POSTER FEATURED A PHOTO of Gary Wallace and Peter McQuaid standing side-by-side, dressed in matching white shirts, black suits and ties, and dark glasses. It was called, MIC (Men In Co-op), and any resemblance to the then-popular movie, "Men In Black," was purely intentional.

"I was Will Smith, and Peter was Tommy Lee Jones," chuckled Cooperative Education Associate Director Wallace, about the promotional piece created about a decade ago. "We had a lot of fun with that."

Added Director McQuaid: "And about three years ago, we did a flyer based on the "Odd Couple" characters. I was Oscar, and Gary was Felix. He's the neat one; just go look at his office."

Both men laughed as they reminisced about how much the Co-op program has grown. In 1980-81, the Co-op program began by placing six students; in 2004-05, 272 students were placed, and that number is expected to increase during this 25th anniversary year.

"There are many factors contributing to where our program is today," said McQuaid. "Some of those factors include Suffolk's increased visibility and the impact of technology, which has changed the job search game dramatically."

Founded in 1980, Co-op was created with the help of a federal grant to provide cooperative education opportunities for Suffolk undergraduate students. McQuaid and Wallace place students with a wide range of employers, where they gain real-world job experience and develop marketable skills. Students work part-time or full-time and are paid hourly wages.

"The Co-op program has successfully launched the careers of over 3,000 students with more than 1,000 employers in the Boston area," says Paul Tanklefsky, director of Career Services and Cooperative Education at Suffolk. "The program is an invaluable asset to the Suffolk community, participating students and our business partners in the workplace."

McQuaid and Wallace are always visiting classrooms, distributing literature and attending events to promote the Co-op program.

"We get great response, and we're placing approximately 250 to 300 students each year," said McQuaid.

"Although we stress to our students that school is their number one priority, we're helping them ... manage in society and learn life lessons," said Wallace.

The hard work and dedication has its rewards. "We receive cards and e-mails all the time from students thanking us for helping them find a job," said McQuaid. "I'd say between one-third to one-half of the students we place get hired permanently as a result of a co-op assignment."



Gary Wallace, left, and Peter McQuaid of Cooperative Education.

Some of the major co-op employers over the years have included: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Ernst & Young, Grant Thornton, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, Massport, Partners Health Care, PricewaterhouseCoopers, The *Boston Globe* and State Street Corporation.

Events throughout the academic year have commemorated Co-op's 25-year anniversary, beginning with a kick-off celebration in October, complete with birthday cake, popcorn and career caricatures. There have been Co-op alumni speaker presentations, and a Co-op luncheon and awards ceremony will be held April 13, with Co-op alum Nique Fajors, vice president of Global Brand Management for Atari, Inc., as the guest speaker.

Naturally, the dynamic duo of Peter McQuaid and Gary Wallace will be there, but there is no word yet if they will be disguised as Batman and Robin. •

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