



## Wireless Internet on Campus

THE INFORMATION TECHNICAL SERVICES Department is working to bring wireless Internet access and legal music downloads to campus.

More than 90 percent of the campus will have access to the wireless network by September, according to Chief Information Officer Mike Pearce.

The wireless network previously had been available only from the Mildred Sawyer Library at 73 Tremont St., the New England School of Art & Design, portions of the Law School, and the Sawyer lounge.

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It was a doubly exciting commencement for Assistant Treasurer Mike Dwyer, far right, and his family as daughter Christina received a master's degree and son Chuck received a bachelor's degree.

(Photo by John Gillooly)



## Models of Success

Christina DiRico, Provost's Office; Jessica Merenda, Public Affairs; and Kristyn O'Brien, Government and Community Affairs, are dressed in the height of fashion as they model BCBG fashions at Macy's Downtown Crossing. The stylish trio drew an enthusiastic crowd from the Suffolk community.

(Photo by George Comeau)

## Centennial Commencement Celebration

NBA HALL OF FAMER AND FORMER BOSTON Celtics great Bill Russell, a longtime civil rights advocate, delivered the commencement address to 1,672 students from the Law School, College of Arts and Sciences and Sawyer Business School May 20 at the Centennial Commencement.

In addressing the graduates at TD Banknorth Garden, Russell stressed the importance of living in a kind and civil society. He also talked about how Suffolk provided the graduates with the guidance and direction to become respected and caring citizens.

"I have as much regard for Suffolk University as I have for any school on the planet, because this school not only gave you lessons, but tried to impart a philosophy, a philosophy on how to be a good citizen," said Russell. "Now, your work is just beginning. And again, I repeat to you, do not be afraid."

"I also ask you to take the responsibility of trying to make this society all that it can be. And each of you is one of the instruments of change. And so I thank you for being here today, because it makes me think that some of the things that we have done in the past have made this possible. ..."

Russell's message touched the heart of Wendy Alterno, who received her bachelor of science degree in criminology and the law.

"When Bill Russell talked about how "this is the beginning" and "don't be afraid," it was like he was talking directly to me," said Alterno, purchasing coordinator in the Business Office. "I could really relate to some of things he had to say."

Alterno, 25, moved to Boston from Costa Rica when she was a young girl. She has a daughter, Alexis, 7. Balancing her responsibilities as a single mom and a student was no easy task, but Alterno persevered with hard work and determination.

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## A Message to Readers

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, I will be leaving Suffolk University this month. After 13 wonderful years I have decided to find out what is in store as I explore the next chapter of my professional life.

I always will remember the great experiences I've had and the incredibly dedicated and caring people I have met while I have been here. At the conclusion of a spectacular Centennial year—thanks to so many of you—I felt there would never be a better time for me to start my next professional adventure.

I have been very fortunate to have so many loyal and trusted colleagues over the years. Too often a person will hear about how much others thought of their work only after they decide to move on. My experience has been that, through the years, many of you have shown your appreciation and support for my effort, and for that I will always be grateful.

A few days ago a 5-year-old child to whom I had recently given a Suffolk book bag asked me about the torch in our seal. He asked me what it was and what it means. I said that we carry the torch of education, and it is passed along from one student to the next as they graduate. He asked if I had ever touched the torch and if it was hot! My answer was that I hadn't touched the torch but that I carried the Suffolk torch for many years and that it would be in my heart forever. I guess that sums up how I feel about this extraordinary place made up of so many wonderful people, unforgettable stories and a rich, rich history.

Thank you for letting me share the past 13 years with you and experience the wonders and greatness of this magnificent institution. I will never be far away and wish you all success and happiness as you continue to carry the torch and pass it on to others.

Most sincerely,  
Rosemarie E. Sansone

## University Data Now Available in *Factbook*

ERIC LEE CAN'T HELP BEING *factual* when discussing Suffolk's newest publication.

"This book has all the information you need to know at your fingertips," said Lee, assistant to the president. "It's filled with facts about everything."

The *Suffolk University Factbook* contains a little more than 100 pages of facts, figures, graphs and charts spread over 14 sections. Those sections focus on a wide range of information, from enrollment, graduation rates, and University support services and resources to faculty and staff, finance, alumni and advancement.

"The purpose of this book is to enable people in the Suffolk community to work with a common set of facts and figures about the University," said Lee.

The *Factbook*, which took nearly two years to complete, was compiled by the Office of the Provost, Enrollment Research/Planning Office, Vice President-Treasurer's Office and a host of other offices throughout the University community.

"It was a collaborative effort to put this together," said Lee.

Two hundred copies of the *Factbook* are scheduled for printing and distribution on campus this month. The information also will be available online.

"This is a great step for the University as it moves forward to data-driven decision making," said Lee. "In the future, the *Factbook* will be updated each year by the end of the fall semester." ▶

## Theater Program Chooses Plotkins Musical

A NEW MUSICAL DEVELOPED BY THEATRE Chair Marilyn Plotkins has been accepted into a competitive development program run by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) in association with the Walt Disney Company.

*Out of the Blue*, formerly titled *Begin Again*, was one of four projects chosen from 211 applicants by the ASCAP/Disney Musical Theatre Workshop.

The workshop, directed by Academy-Award-winning composer/lyricist Stephen Schwartz, is part of an ongoing series sponsored by the ASCAP Foundation to nurture new American musicals.

*Out of the Blue* is a modern love story set in New York City. It concerns Des and AJ, young, dedicated public schoolteachers full of hopes and dreams. Then Des begins to collapse under the weight of her fears. Splitting apart under the strain, Des and AJ struggle to find their way back to each other. The lessons they learn, through the children they meet, will change them forever.

*Out of the Blue* was first developed with composer Jenny Giering and librettist Laura Harrington with director Marilyn Plotkins in two fall residencies at Suffolk as part of the Boston Music Theatre Project. The workshop production premiered with a Suffolk student ensemble in the Studio Theatre in spring 2006 and has been gaining momentum ever since. Giering and Harrington are negotiating with an off-Broadway theater for a full professional run next season.

Plotkins founded the Boston Music Theatre Project in 1987 as the first professional organization in the Greater Boston area dedicated exclusively to the development of new work in music theatre.

"We are thrilled that *Out of the Blue* has continued to grow and gain recognition after our successful run at Suffolk," said Plotkins. "I look forward not only to the continued development of this piece but of new projects that will bring important musical theater writers to Suffolk University to work with our students." ▶

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## Meservey Chosen to Lead Salem State College

**P**ATRICIA MAGUIRE MESERVEY IS HEADED TO Salem State College, where she will assume the presidency of the four-year public institution.

Those who worked closely with her here at Suffolk University applauded her record of accomplishment.

“Pat Meservey has been an outstanding provost, and I am sure she will be a great president,” said Law School Dean Robert Smith. “She came into a challenging situation as the University’s first provost and academic vice president. Instead of staking out ‘her turf,’ she has effectively used an inclusive and facilitative approach to problem solving and to planning.”

Meservey joined Suffolk University in 2004. As an academic leader, she promoted faculty scholarship and strategic planning in the academic and administrative realms.

Under her direction, the University instituted the Center for Teaching Excellence, which brings together faculty members to share best practices and provides resources to enhance the outstanding teaching at the University.

The provost introduced the Academic Conference in spring 2006, with interdisciplinary presentations involving faculty from all three schools. A second academic conference this past spring brought more than 300 members of the University community together for two days of presentations and poster sessions.

“She is quite unusual in that she is someone who has a strong sense of mission and sees the big picture, but also has a great grasp of details and has the patience and persistence to follow projects through to completion,” said Smith. “She has been an

invaluable partner for the Law School and for me personally. And deans don’t often say that about provosts.”

Meservey also spearheaded the effort to bring the Incident Command System emergency management protocol to the University and provided valuable direction during the redesign of the University’s Web sites.

“Pat has made many contributions to the University in less than three years here,” said Vice President Francis X. Flannery. “She was involved in many efforts, including the Incident Command team. Her work on the budget with Maureen (Stewart) and me has been a tremendous asset to us, and I will really miss her.”

A new provost will be appointed at a later date. ▸

## Students Win Robotic Competition

**T**EAMS OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS, under the guidance of Associate Professors Craig Christensen and Mostapha Ziad, placed first and third in the annual Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers robotic competition held at Fairleigh Dickinson University this spring.

The IEEE Micromouse Competition requires that students create an autonomous robot that must travel from one corner of a 16-by-16-grid maze to a single entrance in the maze’s middle four squares.

The robot uses infrared or ultrasonic sensors to “see” the walls, stepper motors with wheels to provide mobility, and a microprocessor to implement the search algorithm and keep track of the maze walls and openings as it navigates through the course possibilities. Most maze solutions are circuitous, with many alternate dead ends.

This year’s entrants were from the College of New Jersey, Cooper Union, DeVry University, Fairleigh Dickinson, the City College of New York, Binghamton University, and Suffolk University.

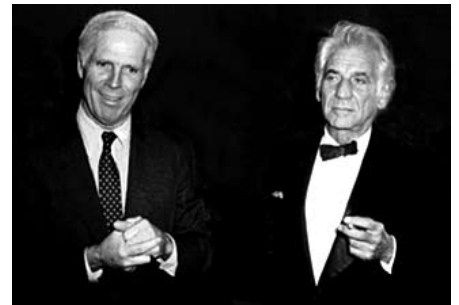
Suffolk’s first-place team consisted of seniors Gael Hatchue, Fernanda Zulkarnain and Ilyas Hamdi. Their robot was steady and stable, with frequent realignment corrections.

The third-place team members included Jason Lin, Alimatou Ndiaye and Danny Wang. Their robot was more aggressive, but less stable, losing its orientation about half-way through the maze.

This year’s team of 10 members also included Fabrice Kabore and Chris Cheng.

This year also marked the first time that Suffolk has competed in the IEEE paper competition, in which a research effort is documented and presented. Gael Hatchue provided a polished presentation of a wireless link using a camera and computer to control the actions of robots on a playing field. Images from the camera were processed for position, orientation, and speed of the fighting robots. This information was sent to the robots, which subsequently implement their own strategies.

Suffolk has a long history of success in the robotic competition, winning or placing nearly every year since 2001. ▸



Kevin White and Leonard Bernstein (Photo by Charles Giuliano)

## Charles Giuliano: Last Call, A Retrospective

**L**ONGTIME NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN faculty member Charles Giuliano marked his retirement with an exhibit of more than 120 photographs selected from his long career as an arts critic and journalist. *Charles Giuliano: Last Call, A Retrospective* opened with a reception and retirement party at the New England School of Art & Design gallery.

Giuliano taught art history at the New England School of Art & Design for 25 years and was associated with Suffolk University’s Humanities Department before the two institutions merged. He has run the New England School of Art & Design exhibition program since the merger. ▸

## Potpourri

**John Cavanagh**, History, and wife Beth enjoyed watching actor Paul Benedict star in the A.R.T. production of Harold Pinter's *No Man's Land*. After the play they met briefly with Benedict, who received a bachelor of arts degree from Suffolk in 1960. "Benedict fondly remembered Professor Ed Hartmann's history survey classes, having apparently scored far above the 'triple F' grade for which Hartmann was legendary," said Cavanagh.

**Andrew Beckerman-Rodau**, Law School, presented "The Choice Between Patent and Trade Secrets Law Protection" at the Cambridge intellectual property law firm of Lowrie, Lando & Anastasi, LLP.

**Frank Rudy Cooper**, Law School, participated in the invitation-only Criminal Justice Roundtable at Yale Law School.

**Ken Cosgrove**, Government, presented a paper "Brand Failure: the Republican Party and the 2006 Congressional Election" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago. At the same meeting, he also served as a discussant on a panel that examined the impact of newspaper endorsements on election outcomes.

**Robert DeFillippi**, Management, presented "Maintaining meaningful UK-US collaboration," focusing on his decade of international research collaborations with multiple UK university research partners, at the British Academy of Management's conference on International Research collaborations in London. DeFillippi's symposium, "Being and Becoming a Management Education Scholar," has won the Best Symposium award from the Management Education & Development division of the Academy of Management. This is the second time in three years that he has won the award, which is sponsored by McGraw-Hill/Irwin.

The **Economics Department** was represented at the International Industrial Organization Conference in Savannah, Ga. **Darlene C. Chisholm** presented a paper, "Product Line Rivalry: How Box Office Revenue Cycles Influence Movie Exhibition Variety," co-authored with George Norman of Tufts University, at a session, "Retail Competition in Media Industries," which she chaired. At the "Modeling Travel Demand" session, **Shuyi Jiang**, PhD candidate in economics, presented a paper, "Estimating Travel Demand with Mixed-Logit and Multiple Index Models";

and **Alfonso Sanchez-Penalver** of the Beacon Hill Institute, a PhD candidate in economics, presented a paper "Modeling the Household's Simultaneous Commuting Decisions." They also were paper discussants at this session.

Best wishes in retirement to **Paul Ladd**, Information Technology Services, and **Bette Mandl**, English.

**Kate Matson**, Law School, was selected to participate in the first annual Cambridge Science Festival. Her group, FILMprov, presented her animated art films accompanied by live improvisational music in the Science & the Arts presentation, *A Moment in Chaos*. Another set of Matson's films was screened at the Museum of Fine Arts with the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra as a part of April's Jazz Week.

**Thomas McGrath**, Humanities and Modern Languages, delivered a paper, "Counter-Reformation Art and Iconography in Late Sixteenth-Century Milan," at the annual conference of the Renaissance Society of America in Miami. He will serve as acting chair of the Humanities and Modern Languages Department for the 2007-2008 academic year.

**Alfonso Sanchez-Penalver**, Beacon Hill Institute, attended a Heritage Foundation conference in Philadelphia, where he met former Spanish President Jose Maria Aznar, who was the keynote luncheon speaker.

**Bob Rosenthal**, Communication and Journalism, was interviewed by Fox 25 News on the controversy surrounding the dismissal of radio host Don Imus.

**Julie Schniewind**, director of Corporate Learning Initiatives, received the 2007 Achiever Award from the Private

## Spring Fling Draws Enthusiastic



Joining in the fun are Assistant Dean of Students John Silveria, Director of Health Services Art Klossner and Assistant Director of Health Services Cathy Bieksha.



Mary Ann Sacks and Karen Schwartz, Budget and Risk Management Office.

Industry Council in recognition of her efforts to create and pilot a program of courses about college for Private Industry Council summer interns from Boston high schools.

**Theatre News:** Participating in the Boston Theatre Marathon were **Ronan Noone**, with *Sheet*; **Wesley Savick**, who directed Robert Brustein's *Enter William Shakespeare*, a collaboration of the American Repertory Theatre and Suffolk University; and **Andrew Clarke**, who wrote *Vas Deferens*, performed by the National Theatre of Allston, which is a Theatre department program. This summer **Richard Chambers** will design for the Cape Playhouse productions of *2 Pianos, 4 Hands; Corpse!*; and *Beehive*.

**Elizabeth J. Wilson**, Marketing, was quoted in the March 5, 2007, issue of

## Crowd to Pemberton Square



Athletic Director Jim Nelson teams up with Steve Becker and Anne Macdonald of Web Services.



The Sawyer Business School was well represented at the Spring Fling, with Jennifer Gammon, Aneta Biernat, Caitlin Ryan and Carol Flores. (Photos by John Gillooly)

*Banker and Tradesman* on the True Blue advertising campaign designed to reposition Eastern Bank in the New England financial marketplace.

**David Yamada**, Law School. At the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in San Diego, he presented a paper, "Regulatory Responses to Workplace Bullying: A Global Law and Public Policy Perspective," on the significance of employment law and employee benefits issues for health practitioners who are treating individuals suffering from psychiatric illness due to emotional abuse at work. ▶

## New Faces

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEES:

**Kelly Auchterlonie** University Police  
**Craig Capavella** Dean's Office, CAS  
**Karen Jasinski** Student Activities and Service Learning  
**Kerry Laroche** Office of Environmental Health and Safety  
**Amy Leung** Business Office  
**Elizabeth Maia-Peterson** Advancement

## Faculty Publications

**Ken Cosgrove**, Government, has published the book *Branded Conservatives: How the Brand Brought the Right from the Fringes to the Center of American Politics* (Peter Lang USA).

**Carol Dine**, English, will publish her book *Wild Brush: Poems on the Art of Vincent van Gogh* (The Bitter Oleander Press 2008). Since the book includes many of the artist's drawings, Dine will travel to Amsterdam this summer to work with the drawings curator at the Van Gogh Museum.

**Raul de la Fuente Marcos** and **Carlos de la Fuente Marcos**, Madrid campus, co-authored an article with five other authors, "Observational templates of star cluster disruption. The stellar group NGC 1901 in front of the Large Magellanic Cloud," in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, Vol. 266, No. 3, May 2007, pp. 931-941.

**Kristin Polito**, Executive MBA Program and Institute for Executive Education, published an article "What is the Return on Investment of the Executive MBA" in the online edition of *Human Resources Management Magazine*. ▶

## Promotion and Tenure

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS APPROVED PROMOTIONS AND TENURE for the following College of Arts and Sciences faculty members effective July 1, 2007:

### Promotions

**In-Mee Baek**, professor of Finance

**Jonathan Haughton**, professor of Economics

**David Gansler**, associate professor of Psychology

**Wallace Marosek**, associate professor, New England School of Art and Design.

### Tenure

**Craig Christensen**, associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Wallace Marosek**, associate professor, New England School of Art and Design

**Richard Miller**, associate professor of English

**Susan Orsillo**, associate professor of Psychology

**Wesley Savick**, associate professor of Theater

**Thomas Trott**, associate professor of Biology

**Dmitry Zinoviev**, associate professor of Math and Computer Science ▶

**Joseph McEttrick III** Law Academic Technology

**Katrina Nunez** Information Technology Services

**Jose Perez** Facilities Management

**Matthew Petrarca** Undergraduate Admission

**Micka Pierre** University Police

**Denise Strum** University Media Services

**Danielle Towne** Public Management ▶

# Centennial Commencement 2007



The Distinguished Professor of Law John E. Fenton, Jr., serves as University Marshal.



President David J. Sargent is joined at the Summa Dinner by Suffolk's newest trustee, George Ramirez, and his wife, Kathleen.



Honorary degree recipient John Gardner, the University's oldest alumnus, who will turn 100 in September, and Maria Palomino, who returned to volunteer at commencement weeks after leaving the Advancement Office.



Alumni Marshals Robert Dugan, director of the Mildred F. Sawyer Library; Barbara Wilson; and Scott Solombrino.

## Employee Graduates

THE FOLLOWING SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES WERE AWARDED DEGREES AT THE CENTENNIAL COMMENCEMENT:

- Wendy Alterno**, Business Office, BS
- Stephannie Barboza**, Government, MS
- Rosetta Baetzel**, Law Registrar, MED
- Williere Benjamin**, University Police, BSBA
- Alisa Berman**, Dean's Office, Sawyer Business School, BSBA
- Corin Bourque**, University Police, BSBA
- Timothy Brown**, Ballotti Learning Center, MED
- Jessica Camelio**, Law Library, BA
- Matthew Courchene**, Public Management, MPA
- Leslie Cummings**, Sociology, BS
- Lindsey Darling**, Undergraduate Admission, MED
- Kelly Fitzgerald**, Undergraduate Admission, MED
- Racheal Galushkin**, Dean's Office, College, MS
- Sarah Glassman**, Economics, MS
- Daniel Gottschalk**, English, BS
- Hang Law**, Student Accounts/Bursar, BS
- Katherine Landry**, Advanced Legal Studies, MBA
- Erica Mattison**, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, MPA
- Corey McGrath**, University Police, MS
- Jonane Nicolas**, Law Library, BA
- Nadia Parejo-Jean**, University Police, BSBA
- Darren Phaen**, University Police, BSBA
- Tiffanie Pierce**, Center for International Education, CRT
- Kathryn Rodrigues**, Math & Computer Science, BA
- Jessie Schloss**, NESAD, BFA ▶

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"I set a goal for myself years ago to get my degree," she said.

She went to school on a part-time basis, including summers, for six years to fulfill her academic requirements. That's why walking across the stage last month was such a rewarding experience for her.

"It is a day I will never forget," said Alterno, who was a member of two national honor societies and plans to continue her education. "It was a very inspirational time for me, and I'm so happy to have accomplished what I did."

Russell received an honorary degree, as did Attorney John J. Gardner, JD '31—Suffolk's oldest alumnus turns 100 in September; Margot Stern Strom, president and executive director, Facing History and Ourselves; and the Hon. Peter T. Zarella, JD '75, associate justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut. ▶



Business Office Purchasing Coordinator Wendy Alterno receives her undergraduate degree.



Dorothy Zahir of the Center for International Education with her husband, Quazi, who received his MBA.

## Student Government Awards

The Student Government Association held its annual Leadership Awards ceremony Thursday, April 12, at the Colonnade Hotel. The following members of the Suffolk community were honored:

### Support staff of the year

Kristen Gleason

### Administrator of the year

Susan James Leyva

### Faculty of the year, College

Wesley Savick

### Faculty of the year, Business School

William Mee

### Outstanding coach of the year

Ed Leyden

### Student club adviser of the year

Bessie Chuang

### Outstanding unsung hero, faculty

Judy Benson

### Outstanding unsung hero, student

Mike Miccoli

### Senior of the year

Chantha Toeum

### Junior of the year

Cordelia Pisacane

### Sophomore of the year

Megan Costello

### Freshman of the year

Trevor Livingston

### Transfer of the year

Cynthia Brown

### Female athlete of the year

Michelle Quinones

### Male athlete of the year

Will Feldman

### Campus organization of the year

Seriously Bent

### Campus-sponsored program of the year

Dinner Theater

### Outstanding student organization of the year

Women in Business

### Student-sponsored program of the year

Program Council – Build a Bear

### Most improved student organization

Women In Business

### New student organization

The Suffolk Voice

## Dakar Campus Holds First Awards Ceremony



Dakar Executive Director Dunham Rowley with Mohamed Manga, Mary Chunu, Yannick Ilboudo, Macode Dieng and Thomas Haslam. (Photo by Tom Lightner)

event. "It's very important for the development of our campus that everyone feels as if they are part of the Suffolk family."

The award recipients were chosen for best exemplifying the character of Suffolk University Dakar through their service, honesty, diligence and leadership.

They are:

### Outstanding Administrator of the Year

Macode Dieng, assistant to the director of Suffolk Dakar Administration

### Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year

Thomas Haslam

### Outstanding Support Staff of the Year

Mohamed Manga

Nearly 200 people attended the event, which featured entertainment by student groups and a buffet of American "Soul Food." ▶

**S**UFFOLK DAKAR HELD ITS first awards ceremony to honor students, faculty and staff and to show appreciation to the entire Dakar community.

"I'm pleased that the Suffolk Dakar community had the opportunity to connect," said Tricia Lawrence-Savane, director of student life for the Dakar campus, who organized the

## Wireless Internet

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Digital entertainment will be available to Suffolk students through the Ruckus network beginning this summer.

“Ruckus provides a legal alternative for music sharing,” said Pearce. “It offers nearly 3 million music tracks free of cost to students, and movies and television shows are available for a fee.”

### Emergency communication

The University is implementing a campus emergency communication system, which offers multi means of contacting students, faculty and staff by e-mail, telephone, cell phone and text messages on or off campus.

The messaging system will be used only for notification of emergencies or campus closings due to events such as snowstorms. To facilitate implementation of the system, the University will use pertinent telephone, e-mail and other information.

A major challenge in having an emergency communications system function properly is the accuracy of the contact information. Please update information when changes occur. ▶

## Web Listing Form Now Online

NEWS AND EVENTS LISTED ON THE University’s Web site show online visitors that Suffolk University is a vibrant, active institution.

Members of the University community are invited to submit information for Web news and events listings. All submissions will be reviewed and considered for online publications.

A form is available on the Public Affairs Web page—[www.suffolk.edu/offices/1003.html](http://www.suffolk.edu/offices/1003.html)—to simplify the submissions process. Look for “Request a Web listing” on the left-hand column

You are invited to submit information about appointments, awards, programs, grants and other activities that would be of interest to prospective students and parents, alumni, the media and the general public. ▶



Thomas Trott

## Biologist Reports Changes in Cobscook Bay Ecosystem

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR THOMAS TROTT PRESENTED RESEARCH on changes in the ecosystem of Cobscook Bay, Maine, at the 2007 meeting of the New England Estuarine Research Society (NEERS).

The intense commercial harvesting of species that require dredging, such as scallops and sea urchins, is the probable cause of the faunal shift detected through field sampling, according to Trott, of the Biology Department.

The dredging directly impacts species falling under the heavy dredge path, according to Trott. A more insidious effect is the disturbance to sediments that become suspended in the water column and redistributed throughout the bay by strong water currents.

“When these sediments settle out, they change the bottom characteristics,” he said. “The animals that I study have specific requirements for hard, rocky bottoms. The areas that I sampled now have muddy bottoms, and so the animals that are now found there are characteristic of that type of substrate.”

Mussel beds now predominate in the bay as a result of this faunal shift, and there is a real concern that they may overtake areas where scallops normally are found.

“Because scallops are of high commercial value, there could be a serious impact on the economy of local fishermen. Another impact is the change in community structure of the bay. Because communities are connected through food webs, change could bring about unforeseen changes in the abundance and distribution of many species, some that I did not sample,” said Trott, who conducted his research at Suffolk’s R.S. Friedman Field Station on Cobscook Bay through grants from the Maine Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

The July issue of *Downeast Magazine* will include an article on Trott’s work in Cobscook Bay and his collaboration with colleagues on the Canadian Biodiversity Discovery Corridor.

The Friedman Field Station is located on one of the very few macrotidal estuaries in the United States and is an embayment that has the highest biodiversity north of the tropics.

NEERS is a 500-member organization of coastal research scientists and students from New England and Atlantic Canada. Its 2007 meeting was co-hosted by the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences and the Maine Department of Marine Resources. ▶



Outer Birch Island, one of five study areas in the Cobscook Bay region.

## Save the Date

THE ANNUAL 5K ROAD RACE AND FAMILY WALK to benefit the Alumni Leadership Scholarship Fund will take place at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007, at Hatch Shell along the Charles River.

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