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Student Recreation Center Nearing Completion

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Davis Educational Foundation Awards New Student Center Project \$100,000 Grant

Suffolk University's rapidly emerging student recreation center has assumed a commanding presence on Cambridge Street. Construction of the project is scheduled for completion by January 1991.

The new student recreation center received a tremendous boost from the Davis Educational Foundation which awarded the University a \$100,000 grant to defray construction costs for the \$10 million project.

Prior to awarding the grant, Trustees of the Davis Educational Foundation, Mr. Stanton W. Davis and Mrs. Anne Tenbrook, toured the University and visited the Ridgeway building site.

The Davis Foundation, established by Stanton Davis, the former President and Chairman of Shaw's Supermarkets, supports institutions of higher learning throughout New England.

Recently the University's Building Committee, headed by Trustee John M. Corcoran, inspected the fully enclosed facility. The bulk of the work remaining on the project centers on the interior of the building. University officials are confident the building will be in full use as early as the Spring 1991.

**WATCH FOR
THE
OPENING OF
THE NEW
STUDENT
RECREATION
CENTER
—
SUFFOLK
UNIVERSITY
BOOKSTORE**

1990-91 ANNUAL FUND LAUNCHED

PHONATHON GOAL: REACH 25,000 ALUMNI

More than 160 Suffolk University Annual Fund volunteers and students joined forces aboard the "Spirit of Boston" and in a festive mood confidently launched the 1990-91 Annual Fund.

Several volunteers were honored for their past performance. Among those cited were Lesa Stramondo, JD 87, Wayne Gallo, JD 89, Cheryl Delaney, BA 89, and William Fonte, BA83. Under the leadership of Gail Mansfield, director of the University's Annual Fund Program, phonathon activity has increased significantly and with solid results. Last year, nearly 12,000 alumni were contacted by alumni and student volunteers whose efforts generated gifts and pledges totalling \$279,500.

The 1990-91 Annual Fund goal is \$290,000. Mansfield expects volunteers and student callers, which now number 200, to contact 25,000 alumni during the fall (September to December) and spring phonathons. This year a new day caller program manned by students will augment evening phonathon sessions.

Phonathons are held Monday through Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Phonathon Room on the 25th floor of Suffolk's One Beacon Street Office. To join this energetic group of volunteers and student callers, contact Gail Mansfield at 573-8452 or stop by. Volunteers are always welcome.



Student callers Ron Coia and Michelle Richmond contact alumni for annual fund contributions.



STUDENTS CELEBRATE 1st ANNIVERSARY OF DERNE STREET BUILDING OPENING

Commemorating the September 1989 opening of 28 Derne Street, student leaders representing the organizations located in the renovated activities center held a birthday celebration complete with ribbon cutting, cake and balloons.

SGA President Lisa Masciarelli and EDSA President Gail Mansfield hosted the noontime gathering under the direction of Donna Schmidt, director of student activities, and Marjorie Hewitt, assistant director of student activities. The celebration included tours of the banner draped building, an oversized birthday cake, and the usual hum of student activity that characterizes Derne St. With thirty-seven different clubs and organizations calling the building home, the facility is constantly in use by its population of lively Suffolk students.

Derne Street's beautiful and well planned \$2.7 million restoration included many small to mid-size rooms which are perfectly suited to the needs of the student club members. Despite its stepped entrance, Derne is fully accessible (via the adjacent John E. Fenton Building) and is equipped with a specially designed handicap chair lift.

The University is grateful to the foundations which generously supported the renovation of this vital campus project:

**George I. Alden Charitable Trust
Alice Willard Dorr Foundation
The Charles Hayden Foundation
The Schrafft Charitable Trust.**

SAWYER LIBRARY RESOURCES ENHANCED

The Mildred F. Sawyer Library, serving the University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Management, has recently received three noteworthy gifts.

Ralph C. Ferragamo, a 1964 graduate of the College and the former publisher of J.A. Micropublishing, has made a leadership commitment to the library in honor of his parents, Christopher and Agnes Ferragamo. Ferragamo's gift is for unrestricted library use.

The Library's political science and international studies collection has received a

gift of \$23,000 for the purchase of books on international government relations. This generous support is the result of a bequest by the late Chase Kimball. Professor Kimball, a former government department faculty member, created a residuary unitrust during his lifetime which bequeathed one share of his estate to the University.

In acknowledging these gifts, Ted Hamann, director of the library, cited the continuing assistance of the Sawyer Charitable Foundation, which also provides unrestricted funds for the facility named in honor of Mildred F. Sawyer.

FALL SEMESTER ENROLLMENT UP

Unlike a number of its neighboring institutions, Suffolk University's enrollment is up for the fall semester with a total of 5,733 students enrolled in all of its divisions, up from last year's 5,551.

The undergraduate increase was pegged at about 2% while graduate admissions increase by about 11% according to Michael Rubino, director of institutional research.

2,883 undergraduates are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Management; graduate students number 1,110. Law School enrollment is 1,740 and students represent 300 colleges and universities from 36 states and several foreign countries. The Law School and CLAS host 61% of the total student body. The remaining 39% of Suffolk's students are enrolled in the School of Management.

For the fall 1990 term, 30% of all undergraduates (freshman and transfer students) enrolled are minorities. Hispanic students account for 58% of this group; African-Americans comprise 38% and Asian students 31%.



Trustee Thomas A. Fulham, VP/Treasurer Francis X. Flannery, Trustee Robert B. Crowe, Trustee Paul A. DiPierro and Assistant Treasurer Michael F. Dwyer inspect construction of the new student center during recent building tour.

POPULAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS BENEFIT FROM FOUNDATION SUPPORT

University sponsored financial aid programs have recently received foundation grants which help to promote Suffolk's mission - access and opportunity. Currently 60% of Suffolk's full-time undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid.

A \$75,000 gift from the Mabel A. Horne Trust of the Bank of Boston Charitable Trusts will strengthen three of Suffolk's diverse scholarship programs, the Maria Stewart Minority Scholarship Program, the President's Incentive Loan Program [PILP] and the Thomas Fulham Merit Scholarship Program.

In awarding the grant, Sharon Driscoll, executive account manager for the Bank of Boston Charitable Trust Committee, noted that the Horne Trust views Suffolk as an institution clearly focused on serving students from its community. In addition, the Polaroid Foundation supported the Stewart Program through a \$2,500 grant.

The President's Incentive Loan Program, an innovative approach to student support, awards loans which convert to outright grants upon graduation. PILP retention rates average 90% and the present default rate on repayment of loans is zero. In light of this, the Eleanor Naylor Dana Foundation of New York contributed \$50,000 to Suffolk to enhance the program.



Athletic Director James Nelson joins students for Spirit Day activities.

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More on Suffolk's Progress ... NEW COMMUNICATION MASTERS PROGRAM RECEIVES PRIVATE COLLECTION

Suffolk University has expanded its curriculum with a Master of Arts Degree in Communication. Suffolk now offers a comprehensive 36 credit program on a graduate level with concentrations in Public Relations and Advertising, Organizational Communications, and Communication Studies.

According to Dr. Edward J. Harris, Jr., department chairman, "Suffolk's new program takes a more pragmatic approach to the study of communications. It will be clearly focused on hands-on, field-oriented experiences." In September 1991, complete course offerings leading to an M.A. in Communication will begin in both the day and evening divisions.

The new program was structured by Dr. Harris, and Drs. Gloria M. Boone and Deborah Geisler, associate professors in the Communication and Journalism Department. Dr. Paul H. Boase, professor emeritus at Ohio University, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the National Speech Communication Association collaborated on the project. Dr. Boase served as advisor to Suffolk faculty members Boone and Geisler when they attended Ohio University.

40th ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Graduates of the classes of 1949 and 1950 of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the School of Management reminisced on November 3. Tours of the University's facilities and a reception hosted by Deans Michael R. Ronayne, CLAS, and Richard L. McDowell, SOM, preceded a social evening at the Colonnade Hotel. Nancy McCauliff, BSJ '49 served as social chairperson for the event and Michael Linguata, BSBA '50 presides as class gift chairman.

Members of the class of 1950 of Suffolk Law School gathered for a reunion evening at Boston's Park Plaza on November 10. Officers of the class, Lawrence O'Donnell, Edward I. Masterman, Richard Bonasera, and Alfred DeStefano, along with class members Eugene Sullivan and John Linnahan, were instrumental in making this a very successful event. The Law School class of 1950 is also conducting a fundraising effort for a class gift.

Professor Boase's involvement in the development of the program led him to donate his extensive scholarly journal collection to the University. More than 1000 volumes of prestigious journals dating back to the 1940's, particularly useful for research by master's degree candidates, will be available to communication students. The collection, unique to Suffolk and the region, will be housed in a library in the new Ridgeway Building, which will also house the Communication and Journalism Department. The new program has also received support from Michael Benevise, a friend of the University.

C. WALSH THEATRE
 A Cultural Center in the Center of Boston
 Spring 1991 Season

The Three Sisters by Anton Chekhov
 presented by Suffolk Student Theatre
 March 1, 2, 5-7

Second Hand Dance
 presented by Dance Umbrella
 April 4-6

Derek Walcott & Amira Baraka (Le Roi Jones)
 A Poetry Reading
 Sponsored by AGNI
 May 3

A Collaboration
 presented by Paula Josa-Jones/
 Performance Works
 May 16 - 18

Festival of Readings
 presented by The Boston Music
 Theatre Project
 June 3, 10 & 17