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Building the Future

Fundraising Newsletter - Office of Institutional Advancement - Vol. 2 ~ No. 1 ~ Aug. 1991

**Hearst Foundations
Endow Stewart Scholar**

**Riley Foundation
Awards ESL Grant**

**1990-91 Annual Fund
Tops \$350,000**

**DiMaiti Scholarship
Recipient Named**

Suffolk University Class Reunions

**College of Liberal Arts
& Sciences**

School of Management

Classes of: 1966, 1981,
1986

November 2, 1991

Royal Sonesta Hotel
Cambridge, Mass.

For more information
call: Susan Harrington
(617) 573-8453

Law School

Classes of: 1941, 1946,
1956, 1961, 1966, 1971,
1976, 1981, 1986

October 26, 1991

Boston Marriott Copley
Place, Boston, Mass.

For more information
call: Jean Neenan
(617) 573-8457

Ridgeway...Worth the Wait

As the letters depicting "Suffolk University" were being carved into the granite over the entrance to the new Ridgeway Building and University staffers and students were eagerly settling into their new home on Cambridge Street, three significant foundation gifts were received to offset the construction costs of the project:

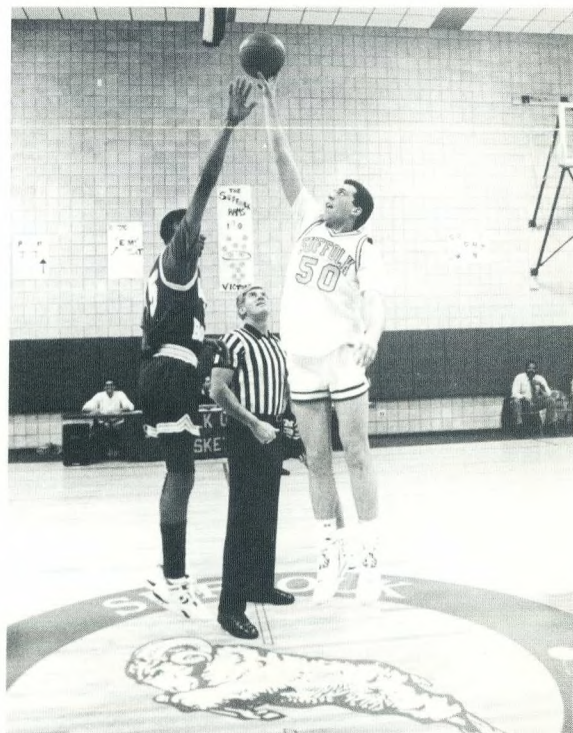
- George I. Alden Trust of Worcester \$40,000
- Bank of Boston Corporation Charitable Foundation \$10,000
- Gillette Charitable and Educational Foundation \$30,000

Coinciding with these grants, the University was named by the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts as a 1991 recipient of the Building Massachusetts Awards Program. Walsh Brothers, Inc. of Cambridge, builders of the facility and James McNeely of Beacon Hill, Ridgeway's architect, were also cited for their role in the project. The award recognizes excellence in public and commercial construction. The University has also been cited by the City of Boston's Code Enforcement Division and was presented one of the City's Best Awards for Urban Landscaping.

In a recent *Boston Globe* article, which reviewed the Ridgeway Building from an architectural perspective, author Robert Campbell stated, "The Ridgeway Building...It simply works." Campbell maintains that "It opens its life to the public sidewalk by means of the bookstore. And its material, shapes, details and domestic scale maintain the character of the place that is Beacon Hill."

Campbell's high marks for Suffolk's student center concluded with a sentiment that everyone in the life of the University readily shares, "The Ridgeway has been worth the wait."

More than 100 friends and alumni attended the Rams first home court game against U. Mass. Score: 75-70 (U. Mass) Among the well wishers were former Suffolk team captains representing four decades of players, loyal supporters - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conway of Connecticut and special guest Mrs. Charles Law. The gathering also included Celtics great, Dave Cowens, DHL'90, Jan Volk, general manager of the Celtics and player Derek Smith.



Classmates Honor Carol DiMaiti Stuart by Creating Scholarship Fund

Law School graduates of the Class of 1985 have established a scholarship fund in honor of their classmate, Carol DiMaiti Stuart. This merit-based academic award, known as the Carol DiMaiti Scholarship, will be presented annually to a first-year law student who best exemplifies Carol's exceptional personal qualities, academic skills and professional talents.

The first recipient of the \$2,200 scholarship, Theresa A. Finn of South Boston, Class of 1994, was selected this past June.

Carol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giusto DiMaiti, attended a reception honoring Finn. Also in attendance were several of Carol's classmates and her brother Carl DiMaiti and sister-in-law, Mary Cronin DiMaiti, JD'85.

DiMaiti's classmates raised more than \$17,000 to kick-off the scholarship fund through a phonathon and mail appeal. Gifts to the DiMaiti Scholarship may be addressed to the Carol DiMaiti Scholarship Fund, Suffolk University Law School, One Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108-2770.



Scholarship recipient, Theresa A. Finn, pictured with Giusto and Evelyn DiMaiti, and Thomas E. Samoluk, JD'85, chairman of the DiMaiti Scholarship Fund.

Hearst Foundations Endow Stewart Scholar

The William Randolph Hearst Foundation of New York has generously endorsed Suffolk's Maria Stewart Minority Scholarship Program with a \$50,000 commitment to endow a "Hearst Scholar" in the Stewart Program. The Stewart Program, initiated in 1987, serves 48 students of color.

Ten \$5,000 scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of merit and need to incoming freshman and transfer students. All Stewart Scholarship applicants are interviewed by the Minority Scholarship Support Committee, which welcomed Karen Johnson, a representative from the Hearst Foundations, to its candidate review session last spring.

The first group of Stewart Scholars to complete four full years at Suffolk graduated this past June and included a Summa Cum Laude graduate and the recipient of a special achievement award in chemistry.

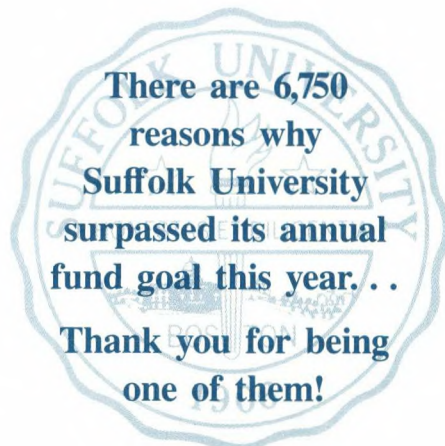
In addition to the Hearst grant the University's Stewart Program received a contribution of \$10,000 from the Oliver S. and Jennie R. Donaldson Charitable Trust of Fall River and a \$1,000 grant from the Ruth M. Batson Educational Foundation of Boston.

Annual Fund Up 27% Phonathon Reaches 25,000 Alumni - \$356,840 Raised

The 1990-91 Phonathon raised \$356,840 in gifts and pledges surpassing its \$290,000 goal by more than \$65,000. With the initiation of a highly successful day caller program, which augmented evening phonathon sessions, individual calls were placed to 25,000 alumni.

Nearly 200 hundred alumni volunteers and 50 student callers manned Suffolk's phone lines to accomplish this record year total which generated 6,750 contributions. Outstanding volunteers will be recognized at Suffolk's Annual Volunteer and Student Appreciation Evening on August 22, 1991 with a dinner and harbor cruise on the "Spirit of Boston."

Energetic volunteers are welcome to sign up for the Fall Phonathon which begins September 23, 1991 by calling Gail Mansfield, Director of Annual Giving, or Connie Tura at 573-8452, or by stopping by the Alumni Office on the 25th Floor, One Beacon Street. Phonathons are held Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Passing the Torch... An Educational Legacy

Nelle Weathers Holmes Barnard BA'24, Columbia, MA'37,
Notre Dame College, DHL and Rivier College, LLD



The world of higher education has changed dramatically since this 1924 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Barnard College received her degree...But a few important things have remained the same.

Nelle Weathers Holmes proudly refers to herself as a "Scholarship Girl" with a simple story. Within moments of meeting Nelle Holmes, any reference to simplicity stands as an amusing reminder of the small town Kentucky origins of this witty accomplished octogenarian. In describing her family roots, Mrs. Holmes commends her family as one which revered education. Nelle Holmes echoes the sentiment, "education... it's your life."

And this special part of Mrs. Holmes' life was made possible by scholarship benefactors, who sponsored Nelle's education. Nelle Holmes has never forgotten this act of generosity. Throughout her life she has worked to share the benefits of her education and to provide similar scholarships for other aspiring students.

"... that scholarship did so much for me - it made life so meaningful...Therefore, I feel it's my job to continue to help other people"

Her early career days as a teacher and drama coach at the Oxford School in Hartford, Connecticut prepared her to teach civics to students in locations as distant as Brooklyn and San Francisco, and served as a prologue to her seventeen year stint in New Hampshire politics. Nelle Holmes' imagination and intelligence charted the determination which earned her acclaim as a progressive educator and a skilled politician.

Assuming her first political office as a New Hampshire State Representative in 1951, Mrs. Holmes served three terms before entering the Senate. As a Senator, Nelle was appointed to the Education Committee. That committee proved to be her niche and the spring board for two of her most significant accomplishments - the creation of New Hampshire's first board of higher education and the upgrading of the state's teacher colleges to improved status within New Hampshire's university system. In 1965, retiring as a Senator, Nelle assumed the directorship of the state's board of higher education, a position she recalls with great satisfaction and unmistakable pride.

Commenting on her years of politics as "interesting and demanding" she revealed her late husband's sentiments on her political career, "Phil's response to my life in politics was standard - he always said, 'it's just my contribution to good government!'" And, contributing to the quality of life for others came naturally to both Mr. and Mrs. Holmes. Through personal and professional commitments, Nelle and Phil Holmes constantly channeled their expertise and energy to improving the world around them.

The Holmes' introduction to Suffolk evolved from their friendship with Mr. George C. Seybolt, Trustee Emeritus. Nearly thirty years ago Mr. Holmes recognized that Suffolk offered young people opportunities which other schools simply did not. Embracing the School's mission, Phil Holmes served the University as a business advisor for several years, and ultimately became a staunch financial supporter. Nelle Holmes, in maintaining all the traditions initiated by her husband, has become a devoted Suffolk follower, "The University has done a great job of educating and serving its students in every aspect."

Nelle Holmes contends that she is a very fortunate person: fortunate in her education, in receiving scholarship assistance - and in her family and friends. When attempting to repay her first scholarship benefactor, Dr. Thomas Alexander, Mrs. Holmes in turn received this advice, "just pass the torch, Nelle."

Nelle Holmes has done exactly as her mentor suggested. She has touched the lives of many, "It's wonderful to be able to do something for others when they've done it for you...it's satisfying." This entertaining and energetic lady, who has just begun her 89th year, says simply, "That's the story I have to tell, I'm just that scholarship girl passing the torch."

Editors' Note:

This issue of Fundraising News introduces a new feature to our readers, "Individual Portraits".

This article is the first in a series profiling alumni and friends of Suffolk University who have thoughtfully established a planned gift.

Planned gifts can benefit the donor by augmenting his or her income and may also result in substantial tax savings. At the same time these special gifts create future revenue for the University.

Our series begins with Mrs. Philip B. (Nelle) Holmes. Although not an alumna or parent, Nelle Holmes is a loyal friend of Suffolk and, as you will learn, an energetic advocate for higher education.

Mrs. Holmes and her husband, the late Philip B. Holmes, began making planned gifts to Suffolk over twenty years ago. Since 1967 three charitable remainder unitrusts have been created by the Holmes' for scholarship support at Suffolk.

The type of planned gift selected by the Holmes', a charitable remainder unitrust, provides income to a beneficiary during his/her lifetime. Upon the death of the last named beneficiary the remaining principal is transferred to the University.

Planned Giving at Suffolk University

Planned gifts represent a very important source of funding for Suffolk University.

They help stabilize the financial foundation of the University and are a vital component for "Building the Future." Often a planned or life income gift may augment your income and will allow you to maximize your contribution to the University. It may also provide you with many tax advantages. And you, the donor, receive the personal satisfaction of creating a new resource for Suffolk University.

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Types of Planned Gifts

Bequests

A bequest provision made now insures that your endorsement of the University will continue in perpetuity. Your bequest may be a specific dollar amount, a portion of the balance of your estate, or the University may be designated a contingent beneficiary.

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

A unitrust is created by placing assets in a separately invested fund. The donor and/or other named beneficiaries receive a fixed percentage not less than 5% based on the annual computed value of the trust principal. Additional contributions to a unitrust may be made at any time.

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

An annuity trust, like a unitrust, is established by placing assets in a separately invested individual fund. The annuity trust generates a fixed dollar amount (which must be at least 5% of the initial fair market value of the gift establishing the trust) to the donor and/or other named beneficiaries. No additions may be made to an annuity trust.

Both the unitrust and annuity are charitable remainder trusts: upon the death of the last named beneficiary the trust principal is transferred to Suffolk University.

Charitable Lead Trust

A charitable lead trust provides an opportunity for a donor to make a gift while preserving his/her estate for children or other heirs. A lead trust is established by placing assets in trust which pays an income to Suffolk University for a fixed number of years (usually not more than ten). The trust assets at the conclusion of the trust term normally revert to the donor or his/her heirs.

Life Remainder Interest or Life Estate Contract

A life estate contract enables you to give your personal property, farm or other real property to Suffolk University and retain lifetime use of such property for yourself or other beneficiary.

Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance may be made in various ways: you may contribute the face value of the policy to Suffolk University, you may name Suffolk University the owner and/or beneficiary of the policy, or Suffolk may be named a contingent beneficiary of the policy.

Making Your Contribution To Suffolk University

Donors may create a planned gift with cash or other appreciated assets. All potential donors are urged to explore with their own advisors the most appropriate form for their philanthropy toward Suffolk. Donors are invited to confer with University staff to determine the most advantageous disposition of the gift, both in the light of Suffolk's long-term needs and the donor's particular interests.

CLAS/SOM Gift Committee Announced



Touring the new Ridgeway Building (from left to right) are Mike D. Karess, BSB'53, Trustee J. Robert Johnson, BSB'63, Seymour Saletts, BA'50, Roger W. Waugh, BSB'63 and Trustee Paul A. DiPierro, BA'75.

Annual Fund Chairman, Paul A. DiPierro, BA'75, has announced the formation of a CLAS/SOM Leadership Gift Committee to encourage alumni annual fund participation in the University's gift clubs: Summa and the Cornerstone Society. The Committee includes CLAS and SOM alumni representing classes from the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

In April, committee members hosted a luncheon and campus tour for area alumni business leaders and entrepreneurs. Similar luncheons are planned for the fall. For more information, contact Gail Mansfield at 573-8452.

Riley Foundation Recognizes ESL Program

The Mabel Louise Riley Foundation of Boston has awarded Suffolk \$50,000 for the University's English as a Second Language Program (ESL). Naomi Tuchmann, administrator of the Riley Foundation, had the opportunity to meet with ESL Students and Fernanda Rodrigues, ESL Program Director, this past spring.

Tuchmann, impressed with the personal attention ESL students receive at Suffolk, applauded the fact that our program, unlike those of competing schools, actually offers students the opportunity to earn degree credits while improving their language skills. The Riley grant is earmarked for academic program support.

The University's English as a Second Language Program focuses on language minority (Spanish and Asian) high school graduates in the Boston area. Initiated in September 1989, the program seeks to prepare students to enter University degree programs. Last year 58 high school age (17-24) graduates from sixteen Boston and area public schools participated in the ESL Program.

University Merit Scholars Honored

More than 100 students, their parents and University administrators and faculty attended the annual merit scholars dinner in April. The University's merit-based financial aid program awards scholarships to students of the highest caliber. These awards are made possible by individual donors who have established named funds. Pictured below are Mr. and Mrs. John M. Corcoran and the current John M. Corcoran Scholars.

Former Suffolk President, Thomas A. Fulham originated the concept of the merit-based scholarship program to recognize and encourage student achievement. There are currently sixteen Fulham scholars. Also in attendance at the dinner were John P. Chase Scholars and P. Leo Corcoran Scholars.



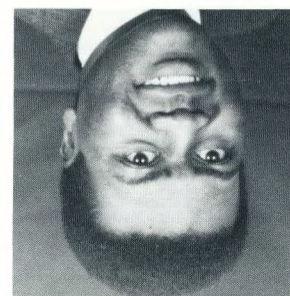
(left to right) James Behrle, Scott Moser, Christopher Kingston, Domenic Marinelli, Jeannine McNaught, Mary and John Corcoran, Allison Hazen, Irina Divinsky, Heather Sinclair, Kerri Sweeney, Arthur Ackles and Richard Davey.

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Law Professor Wasson Awarded Fulbright



The Council for International Exchange of Scholars recently announced that Prof. Robert P. Wasson, Jr. of the Law School has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant for 1991-92.

Wasson's grant is for lecturing on both the law of evidence in the Federal courts and on jurisprudence at the University of Nairobi in Kenya, from September 1991 to June 1992. At Suffolk, Wasson teaches courses in civil procedures and federal courts. During the 1991-92 academic year, approximately 1,800 U.S. students, teachers and scholars will study, teach and conduct research in more than 130 countries around the world under the Fulbright Program. Of these, close to 1,000 are faculty at colleges and universities in the U.S.

Individuals are selected on academic and professional qualifications, plus their ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures. Wasson will also conduct research for a law review article to be published simultaneously in a Kenyan and American law review on how each country's respective legal systems have responded to the AIDS crisis.



Annual Summa Dinner Hosts 226 Guests

On May 25, members of Summa, Suffolk's leadership gift club, and their guests enjoyed a festive evening at the Copley Plaza in recognition of their generosity to the University. The dinner also honored the 1991 honorary degree recipients inducted into Suffolk's alumni rolls at the University's 85th annual commencement exercises on May 26th. Law School Associate Dean Russell G. Murphy chats with U.S. Attorney Wayne A. Budd and Jacqueline Budd, Atty. Budd received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the University's Law School commencement exercises.