Vappi & Co. of Cambridge has been awarded a $7.9 million contract for the renovation and conversion of the Ashburton Building, formerly the home of the United Way and the old Boston City Club.

Work is already underway on the project which has a target date that will accompany the opening of classes in September of 1981. The building will house administrative offices presently lodged at Charles River Plaza, the School of Management, the Journalism department, the colleges' library, classrooms for Arts and Sciences and a cafeteria.

Many of the interior furnishings that graced the building when it was the home of the exclusive Boston City Club are being preserved. These include the stained glass windows, chandeliers and wall carvings. The stained glass windows will be included in the foyer of the new building.

The 12-story building was built for the Boston City Club in 1913 and occupied by that organization until 1950. It had been the home of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay, Inc. since 1960. Suffolk University bought the property for $605,000.

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Plans for the renovation were developed by the Boston architectural firm of Knight, Bagge and Anderson. Vappi & Co. also did the renovation of the Fenton Building, once the Wright & Potter Printing Building.

President Fulham said the main entrance will be changed from 14 Somerset St. to 8 Ashburton Place and the exterior will retain the classical architectural detail typical of the early 1900's so as to be compatible with others in the area.

"The new lobby will include the stained glass windows of the original building as well as a large cut chandelier, another historical feature of the building," Fulham said.

The two basements and first two floors will be occupied by a modern library and a cafeteria will be installed on the third floor.

### PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE SEeks Nominees

The Presidential Search Committee is calling upon the Suffolk University community for its help in choosing a successor to President Thomas A. Fulham.

Associate Dean Joseph H. Strain, in a memorandum to administration, faculty, staff and students, asked for recommendations.

"In seeking to establish a pool of qualified candidates for the Presidency of Suffolk University, the Presidential Search Committee would very much appreciate your help in recommending names of nominees," Strain wrote.

"The committee will maintain the strict privacy and integrity of the information furnished on all candidates including the names of candidates. Your cooperation is requested in helping us to protect the identity of your nominee," Strain continued.

Strain asked that the name, title and address of the nominee be sent to him in writing "as soon as possible." The committee will be receiving applications through Feb. 29.

### DONAHUE PAINTING UNVEILED

Family, friends and associates of the late Judge Frank J. Donahue gathered Jan. 14 for the unveiling of a portrait of the long-time university trustee.

The painting, the work of artist Jacob Binder, was hung in the lobby of the Donahue Building. The artist was among those on hand.

Board Chairman Vincent A. Fulmer presided at the ceremony which was followed by a reception in the McDermott Conference Room.

Among those in attendance were Judge Donahue's sons, Associate Law Dean Malcolm M. Donahue and Superior Court Judge Roger J. Donahue and their families, President Fulham, Dean David J. Sargent and Associate Dean Herbert Lemelman, Chief Justice James P. Lynch of the Superior Court, Judge Lawrence L. Cameron of the South Boston District Court, who unveiled the portrait, Austrian Consul and Suffolk alumnus Edward I. Masterman, Law Alumni President Joseph W. Kane and a number of Suffolk trustees and law school faculty.
Changes in Total Disability Insurance Coverage - Effective Feb. 1, the coverage under the TIAA Disability Plan was upgraded to provide a larger income benefit in the event of disability.

The monthly income benefit, which includes benefits payable from Social Security and Workmen's Compensation, will now be equal to 60 percent of an employee's base monthly salary up to $2000 and 40 percent of monthly salary over $2000. Maximum monthly income benefit is $2000 while the minimum is $50. The previous maximum monthly benefit was $1000.

In addition, the waiver pension benefit which continues both the employee and the University's contribution to the TIAA-CREF Pension Plan in the event of disability has been changed to equalize the contribution for disabled and non-disabled faculty or staff.

The amount of the contribution to the pension plan will be calculated on base annual salary immediately prior to disability. Ten percent of the monthly base salary up to the Social Security wage base plus 20 percent of monthly base salary above Social Security wage base will be contributed.

These changes along with the annual rate adjustment will mean an increase in the total cost of the plan. Rate information will be forwarded to employees when it is received from TIAA. The university will continue to contribute 50 percent of the cost of the plan.

Tips on Social Security

(This information on Social Security is a reprint of an article in the October, 1979 issue of Equal Opportunity Forum. It was written by Darrel Long Tillar, a law student at University of Virginia at Charlottesville and equal employment opportunity officer at VPI.)

Make sure the government's record of your social security earnings is correct. Contact your local Social Security Office and ask for a "Request for a Statement of Earnings" form. Fill out this simple card and mail it. You'll then receive an official statement of the earnings credited to your account. Check your record about every three years:

If you find that the Government's records are in error, immediately contact your local Social Security Office. The law sets a time limit of three years, three months, and 15 days after the year in which the mistake was made for correcting any errors.

If you work for more than one employer during a single year and pay Social Security taxes on combined wages over the maximum tax base for that year, you should claim a refund on the excess tax paid. You apply for the refund on your income tax return for the year. You must request a refund; it isn't automatic and the excess is not credited to your account.

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If you are age 55 or older, the Social Security Administration will send you, free of charge, an estimate of the benefits you will receive when you retire. Ask your local Social Security Office to provide you with this information. It can help you decide if you can afford to retire early.

If you plan to retire before you reach 65, it is important to apply for monthly benefits in advance. You can apply up to three months before the month you want benefits to begin.

Contact your Social Security Office after the death of an insured family member. A lump-sum burial payment of $255 is paid to the widow or widower if the couple lived together at the time of death. Otherwise, the payment goes to that person who paid the funeral expenses. Again, you must apply for this benefit.

NEW EMPLOYEES - Denise Brophy of Charlestown, clerical assistant in Law Registrar’s Office; Joan Corsaro of Marshfield, secretary in Moot Court; Barbara Benson of Seekonk, reference librarian in Law School; George Trainor of Littleton, maintenance mechanic for Physical Plant; Howard Jones of Cambridge, assistant night supervisor for Physical Plant; Lisa Flather of Boston, Debra Kenny of Newtonville, and Margaret McPherson of Hyde Park, secretaries, School of Management; Debbie Siegel of Medford, secretary Law Faculty; John Guzman of Boston, custodian in Physical Plant; and Rayol Jean of Dorchester, custodian in Physical Plant.

UNITED WAY GOES WAY OVER THE TOP AT SUFFOLK - The 1979 United Way at Suffolk University nearly doubled its 1978 contributions by netting an all-time high of $6,043 in pledges.

Big reason for the tremendous increase, of course, was the payroll deduction plan, instituted for the first time for the '79 campaign. A year ago, a total of $3,338 was raised without a payroll withholding plan.

Some 43.6 per cent of the Suffolk faculty and staff made pledges with the average contribution $38.74 as compared to $19.07 a year ago.

The Public Relations Office, which directs the United Way Campaign at the university, extends its deep appreciation to all who pledged and to team leaders for their assistance.

JOBS OPENINGS

Secretarial and clerical opportunities - Physical Plant, secretary, $160/week +; College Registrar, office secretary, $164/week +; Law School, office secretary, $164/week +; Humanities & Languages, office secretary, $164/week +; SOM, secretary, $160/week +, and temporary secretary, $160/week +; Development, alumni records clerk, $142/week +; and University Police, sergeant, (5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Tues. - Sat.) $5.52/hour plus $.15 hour night shift differential.

All positions are full-time, Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Equal Employment Opportunity/Title IX Employer.
CLAS, at its Jan. 24 meeting, voted down a proposal to establish a two-day reading period prior to final exams. DEAN MICHAEL R. RONAYNE said the feeling was that "the Fall term is short enough now and every full class day is necessary." The faculty evinced interest in a proposed faculty-alumni club and passed the suggestion on to the L.I.F.E. Committee. The SOM faculty also showed interest in such a club.

History's JOHN CAVANAGH reminds us that the Social Committee is sponsoring a Valentine's Party on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Munce Conference Room (Archer 12). Everyone's invited for cocktails, wines, beer, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Faculty members serving on the Presidential Search Committee are DONALD UNGER and MARIA M. BONAVENTURA from CLAS, ROBERT WAEHLER and ANTHONY EONAS from SOM, and LOUISE WEINBERG and JOSEPH McETTRICK from the Law School.

DEAN MICHAEL RONAYNE was a member of the 12-member N.E. Association of Schools and Colleges reaccrediting team that visited the University of Bridgeport. BERNARD V. KEENAN, associate professor of law in the Law School, has been voted a sabbatical leave by the Board of Trustees. He'll enroll at Columbia University School of Law as a candidate for the degree of doctor of the science of law (J.S.D.).

DR. ARTHUR P. CHIASSON of Humanities and Languages has done a translation of Georges Feydeau's A Flea in Her Ear, a French farce produced at Brandeis' Spingold Theater in December. Chiasson, at the invitation of DR. HARRY ZOHN, S.U. trustee and German professor at Brandeis, will give a symposium on the art of translation this Spring at Brandeis.

DR. FRED WILKINS of English has authored an essay on puritanism in Eugene O'Neill's New England plays in a new book, Eugene O'Neill: A World View, published by Frederick Ungar Publishing Co. He was also elected a director of the Eugene O'Neill Society at a meeting in San Francisco.

JAMES CORNELL, a part-time lecturer in Science Communications, has written a 28-minute documentary that has captured two awards. "Mirrors on the Universe: The MIT Story," won a "Gold Cindy" from the Information Film Producers of America and a "Golden Eagle" from the Council on International Non-Theatrical Events and will represent the U.S. Govt. in film competitions abroad this year. Cornell is publications manager for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge.

DR. BETTY DeGUGLIELMO of the Counseling Center, has a number of presentations coming up, among them a "Stress Management for the Commuter Student" proposal and workshop at the Northeastern Regional Student Development Conference this month in Storrs, Conn. She will also present a paper and serve on a panel at the National Organizational Development Network Conference.

MARSHALL D. HASTINGS, acting chairman of Humanities and Modern Languages, attended the Modern Language Association convention in San Francisco.

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ED BANDER, law librarian who's teaching one of the mini courses on how to use the law library, has completed an article (along with IMC's DON MIKES and College Librarian TED HAMANN) called "Technolaw," discussing S.U. 's video, audio, film and computer program. It will be carried in an upcoming Advocate. . . Chemistry's JEHUDAH LEFTIN is included in the 1980 edition of Who's Who in American Jewry. . . PROF. DOROTHY WERTZ of Sociology took part in a chautauqua-type short course for college teachers on biosociology, sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and National Science Foundation. . . DR. LESLIE WHARTON, a History lecturer, delivered a paper, "Alexander Hamilton and the Political Economy of American Republicanism" at the annual convention of the American Historical Association in New York. . . DR. WILLIAM HANNAH, associate professor of Psychology, who also teaches at Mass. Bay Community College, brought his Mass. Bay class to Suffolk to tour our experimental psychology lab. Some 15 students observed animals in learning experiments and took part in demonstrations arranged by DR. ROBERT WEBB, department chairman, and conducted by S.U. student WILLIAM POIRIER. Later, Staff Associate Richard D. Bove of Mass. Bay reported that student response was enthusiastic. . .

DR. TED MARSHALL of Physics has submitted a research paper to the American Physical Society which will meet in New York in March. It is a report on his sabbatical leave research. . . DON LEVITAN of Public Management will take part in a grantsmanship workshop at the annual legislative conference of the Massachusetts Municipal Association at the State House March 1. . .

### COLLEGES' ENROLLMENT SET AT 4435

Total enrollment in the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Management after mid-year registration is 4435.

That, according to Registrar Mary A. Hefron, is only eight less than the number registered last Spring.

The number is down 227 from the Fall semester. Hefron attributes much of that decline to natural attrition. "And in many, many cases, we had people signing up for only one course such as employees from business firms," she related.

According to Admissions Director William F. Coughlin, Spring statistics have remained stable over a five-year period: 1980 - 4435; 1979 - 4443; 1978 - 4551; 1977 - 4425; 1976 - 4504.

Hefron said that more than 3000 students participated in mid-year registration via mail, nearly double the number of a year ago when it was first instituted.

"It went very smoothly," she said. "And it will get even more popular. Students realize it's much better than waiting in line and they also are learning that they don't want to risk paying a late registration fee."
Potpourri

With renovation of the Ashburton Building now underway, more and more of the historic charm of this 67-year-old building is coming to light. The Ashburton entrance, which PRESIDENT FULHAM has designated as the main entrance, was, in its days as the famous Boston City Club, the exclusive entrance of the nation's presidents. Every president from Teddy Roosevelt to FDR used that entrance for their guest appearances at the old club, which once boasted a membership of 7000 of the city's businessmen. The main entrance was at 14 Somerset St. . . . The Law School, thanks to the efforts of Law Prof. VALERIE EPPS, had a real treat on Jan. 29 with the appearance of Richard Baxter of The World Court, here to mark the formation of an International Law Society at the Law School. A standing room only crowd was on hand. . . .

The School of Management has a new director of its Management Education Center. She is MOLLY MEAD, who has a bachelor's degree from Cornell and her master's from Simmons and previously taught at UMass/Boston and was a consultant for Digital Equipment Corporation. . . . The cupboard was virtually bare with superstars PAT RYAN and DONOVAN LITTLE, just names from the past, but Suffolk basketball coach JIM NELSON has put something together and his surprising Rams basketball team has won eight games, more than a lot of the experts figured, a tribute to his leadership.

And the Suffolk hockey club, which goes varsity next year, is having a fine year with an 8-3 record as the SUN went to press. . . . RONALD COSTA of Humanities and Languages reminds us that all of the Suffolk community (past and present) are invited to take part in Goetheana Week Feb. 12-15, followed by a film on Goethe on Feb. 21 and to support German Week from Feb. 24 through the 28th. . . . The Women's Program Center sponsored a very informative three-day alcohol awareness program as part of Alcohol Awareness Month. . . .

A reminder if you'd like to get in the swim of things. The Athletic Department is offering to all of the Suffolk community a free swim at the Lindemann Mental Health Center on Staniford Street afternoons on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week. And a free beginners tennis clinic is offered Tuesday and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Charles River Park Tennis Club under direction of PAM ROSSI, director of women's programs . . . College Placement Director MIKE RUBINO recently visited the Social Security Administration Headquarters in Baltimore as part of an intern "Business Exchange" program sponsored by the federal government. He was briefed on current and projected manpower needs of the SSA and also offered advice on how government agencies can more effectively fill employment needs. . . . Our sympathies this month to Comptroller MICHAEL DWYER, on the loss of his mother. . . . Suffolk's popular archivist DICK JONES is feeling chipper at the Soldiers Home in Chelsea and expressed his thanks for the avalanche of cards he's received from his many Suffolk friends during his confinement. . . .

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PRESIDENT FULHAM led a group of the Suffolk community to the opening session of the Marine Studies Consortium Program sponsored by the M.I.T. Office of Sea Grant and held at the New England Aquarium. Suffolk is one of 25 participating institutions in this interdisciplinary inter-institution program. Two Suffolk students, CARL MERRILL of Medford, a biology major, and ROBERT LeCOURT of Holbrook, a sociology major are in the program. Accompanying Fulham were ARTHUR WEST and BEATRICE SNOW of Biology and Assistant Dean PETER SARTWELL. .. The Alumni Office's ticket subscription series met with overwhelming success with more than 1000 requests turned away for the four events - the Boston Ballet's, The Nutcracker, which attracted 200 viewers, two showings of the smash hit, Annie, which drew 540, a Bruins-Rangers hockey game which attracted more than 100, and the Celtics-Philadelphia 76ers, most popular take of all which sold 325 tickets. "This was the biggest outpouring we've ever had for any ticket subscription series," said ELLEN PETERSON. Ellen, by the way, is leaving her post as director of alumni activities. She has been associated with the university for eight years, first as a transfer counselor in College Admissions before joining Development's staff. She'll now be able to spend more time at home with new daughter, Katie, and lawyer husband, Jim, one-time S.U. director of student activities. As a staff colleague and office neighbor, we wish Ellen the very best in the future... BOB WEST of Development and bride, Erin, are now settled in their Wollaston apartment... Long-time members of the Suffolk community will be saddened to learn of the passing of Fr. William Rowell who served for many years at nearby St. John The Evangelist Church...