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On September 10, 1970, Judge John E. Fenton retired as President of Suffolk University. In presenting his request for retirement to the Board of Trustees, Judge Fenton stated that he had reached a point in his career that he felt was an ideal time to step down. Fenton succeeded the late Dr. Dennis C. Haley as Suffolk's fifth president in 1965 following a 28-year career as the senior Land Court Judge of the Commonwealth. Under his leadership the University has had a marked improvement in the quality of its faculty and curriculum, and its enrollment has nearly doubled. Fenton has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1949.

On October 7, 1970, the Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Boston businessman, Thomas A. Fulham, as President to fill the post vacated by Judge Fenton, who will assume the Chairmanship of the Board. Concurrently, George C. Seybolt, in announcing the Board’s unanimous selection of Fulham, announced his own retirement as its Chairman. Mr. Seybolt will continue to serve as a Trustee.

Mr. Fulham, 55, President of the Boston Fish Market Corp., becomes the sixth President in Suffolk’s 64-year history. Long active in civic and business affairs, and a Suffolk Trustee for ten years, Mr. Fulham is president of five Boston-based companies, Chairman of the Mass. Board of Natural Resources since 1957, a Trustee of Holy Cross College and the New England Aquarium, and a corporator of The Provident Institution for Savings.

As a fishery advisor for the United States Department of State, he gained national recognition in 1967 when he represented this country at the Bilateral Negotiations in Moscow, and in 1969 in talks between Poland and the U.S. in Warsaw. A native of Winthrop, Mr. Fulham was educated in the public schools there, was graduated from St. John's Prep School, Danvers, and received his AB degree from Holy Cross College in 1937. He holds an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Science from Suffolk. Mr. Fulham and his wife have nine children and reside in Wellesley Hills.

Neal D. Hannon of Attleboro, AB ’68, was elected President of the General Alumni Association for 1970-71 at the September meeting of the Board of Trustees. Hannon was President of the Student Government, Vice-President of his class, and was a member of numerous other organizations while at Suffolk.
Claire Driscoll, AB '43, was elected Vice-President, Matthew J. Fink, AB '64, Clerk, and Peter R. Leone, LL.B. '66, Treasurer. At the annual meeting in June 1970, four members were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees. They are William L. Pepper, AB '68, MA '69, Donald Schmidt, BSBA '68, John D. McCarthy, BSBA '62, MBA '69, and John J. Norton, BS '55.

Two professors have been named to the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Educators in America," an annual publication recognizing outstanding achievement and leadership in education. They are Dr. Catherine Fehrer, professor of modern languages, and Dr. Stanley Vogel, Chairman of the English Department. Dr. Fehrer has served on the Suffolk faculty since 1948. She is a graduate of Vassar College, received her MA and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr, and certificate from the Sorbonne, France. Dr. Vogel, also on the faculty since 1948, received his AB from New York Univ., his MA and Ph.D. from Yale. He also did post-graduate work at Harvard and Oxford.

The General Alumni Association will hold its Annual Fall Social on Friday, December 4, 1970, at Forty-Six Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. This social will provide an excellent opportunity for the Alumni to meet Mr. Thomas A. Fulham, our new President. Come and enjoy an evening of dancing and socializing with your former classmates and Faculty. Cocktails will be available and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Information on the above may be obtained from Dorothy McNamara in the Alumni Office, 227-1040.

Alumni Chairs ($44) and Rockers ($35) may be purchased through the Alumni office.