Construction of New Building Starts Aug. 1

Construction of the old Ridgeway Building is expected to commence on or about Aug. 1 paving the way for the erection of the new facility, which will include Suffolk's first gymnasium and a new bookstore.

Thus, a 22-year quest to build on the site of the old Stop & Shop building approaches reality for the University, which earlier ironed out agreements with its Beacon Hill neighbors to insure construction.

Proposed Ridgeway building

According to Acting President Francis X. Flannery, the construction timetable calls for a January, 1991 completion and opening of the building. The estimated cost is $10.5 million.

Bids for the project went out early this month and demolition of the old structure is now underway. The architect is James McNeely of Beacon Hill, who has been long associated with the project in negotiations between Suffolk and the Beacon Hill Civic Association.

In addition to a regulation size below ground gymnasium, lockers and exercise rooms, the four-story structure will house the Dean of Students Office, the Ballotti Learning Center, the Counseling Center, ROTC, ministry and athletic offices, a student lounge, two classrooms and faculty offices, bookstore, and Communications and Journalism Department.

Meanwhile the $2.7 million renovation of the 28 Derne St. Building (formerly Conda's Restaurant) has been completed and a tentative dedication or official opening is scheduled for Sept. 19, University Founder's Day.

That building will house the Student Activities Offices, Student Government and other student offices, the Suffolk Journal and Student Radio Station, faculty offices and a classroom.

While the new Ridgeway Building is being constructed, the Suffolk Athletic Department is being housed in rented second floor quarters at 132-142 Cambridge Street, over the Store 24.

Suffolk University acquired the Ridgeway Building from the Stop & Shop grocery chain in 1967, later filed for a variance from the zoning code to build a seven-story academic building. The Board of Appeals approved a five-story building and the decision was upheld in Superior Court but upon appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court, the Beacon Hill Civic Association prevailed, thus killing the project for years. In 1981, the University renewed its efforts to build, under an architectural plan by McNeely, and this time after prolonged negotiations and some concessions, was successful.

Flannery is Acting President

Vice President/Treasurer Francis X. Flannery has assumed the position of acting president of Suffolk University pending the appointment of a successor to Daniel H. Perlman.

Flannery, who has served the University since 1964 and is a member of the Board of Trustees, became acting chief executive on July 1, the date President Perlman's resignation became effective. That was in accordance with university bylaws.

James F. Linnehan, chairman of the University Board of Trustees, said he hopes that a successor to Perlman will be named by the end of the month.

Law School Dean David J. Sargent is the name most frequently mentioned as the eighth Suffolk president but as this newsletter went to press, there was no official decision on the new president.

Perlman, who served nine years as president, is on a paid year's sabbatical and is also teaching this summer at Harvard Graduate School of Education.

In addition to being acting president, Flannery is also overseeing a proposed move of key administrative personnel from University properties to 25th floor quarters at the Commercial Union Building, One Beacon Street.
Honesty and Diligence
(1989 Class Commencement Address
© by Theos D. McKinney III, winner of the 1989 Leo Wyman Award for Advancing Civic responsibility)

(We have received a number of inquiries about the student address at commencement and are carrying it for your interest. —Ed.)

President Perlman, Trustees, Dean Sargent, Professor Franklin, distinguished faculty, honored guests, friends and family, it is my honor to welcome you on behalf of the Suffolk University Law School Class of 1989. I am especially proud to represent the Evening Division – the few, the proud, the survivors. None of us here this morning, day students or evening students, could have survived the law school experience without your love and support. To all our spouses and finances; mothers, fathers and friends; sons, daughters and significant others: we say thank you. You have given us the strength to make our dream come true.

When Gleason Archer founded Suffolk Law School 83 years ago, he dreamt of a law school that would enable working class people to learn the law. His nemesis and inspiration was Harvard Law School, an ivory tower of wealth, privilege and power that arrogantly declared itself dedicated to veritas – "The Truth." Gleason Archer saw clearly that the rich man's truth is the poor man's torment. Thus, he dedicated Suffolk Law school to Honestas Et Diligentia – "Honesty and Diligence." If there is one common thread that unites the graduates here today, it is woven of those words.

HONESTY

We learned honesty here at Suffolk Law School. There were, of course, those classes where we had to memorize form and procedure. But the best of our courses, the brightest of our professors, were those who did not give us the answer to every question. Those who did not provide the formula for every dilemma. Those who taught us to treat the law not as a sacred rule, but as a social tool. They taught us that to be honest students, we must question not only the law, but the legal system itself. In his writings, Professor Franklin, a distinguished student of history, explores how economic exploitation, racial domination and political corruption created our contemporary legal structures. Professor Franklin teaches us that the law cannot be isolated from the situations and institutions that give it reality. Honesty means admitting that we share responsibility for the inequities of the system which gives us status and prestige.

DILIGENCE

We learned diligence from each other. We learned diligence from Mary Ellen, a stewardess, who flew in from Tokyo, caught a cab at Logan and made it to civil procedure at six. We learned dedication from Lee, who did not walk away when his clinical client's case ended in eviction, but guided her to treatment and alternative housing. We learned determination from Shirley – forty-something she sold real estate, ran marathons, edited the Law Reviews and tackled the intricacies of evidence in the evening. We learned perseverance from those rogueish Rhode Islanders who drove four hours each night just to torture themselves with tax one. Diligence? We lived it.

HONESTY AND DILIGENCE

Just as these words have defined our academic experience, they must describe our professional endeavors. Honesty demands that we recognize the law to be an imperfect instrument of justice. America is the most over-lawyered society in the world, yet Americans may be the most under-represented people. Most working class Americans cannot afford the legal services they need. The consequences are sobering. Clarence Earl Gideon, unable to afford a lawyer, was convicted of theft. In 1962, he petitioned the Supreme Court from his prison cell. "I have no illusions about the law and courts or the people who are involved in them," he wrote, "I believe that each era finds an improvement in law, each year brings something new for the benefit of mankind." His case, Gideon v. Wainwright, guaranteed legal counsel to those accused of crimes by the state.

Not every client's case will have such profound constitutional implications, but the stakes in terms of personal liberty and real justice will be equally high. A tenant living in substandard housing, a mother fighting for custody of her children, a woman in danger of being battered, a family facing foreclosure, to these people and many more the constitution extends no guarantees of legal representation. We can hide behind explanations and rationalizations, but honesty forbids it. As lawyers we will have no more compelling obligation, no nobler duty, than to provide legal services to those unable to secure them on their own. Clarence Earl Gideon, a man who had never been to high school, could recognize the fundamental requisites of justice. Honesty requires us to remember that we can do no less and must strive to do more.

Diligence demands that we never cease challenging our assumptions, our actions, our selves. Whether we represent a millionaire or a homeless man, our client is entitled to excellence. We must endeavor to avoid confusing our self-interest with our client's best interest. We must struggle throughout our careers to keep our minds fresh and fed, our perspective clear, and our compassion alive. For it will not be enough for the daughters and sons of Suffolk to figure our fees, counsel our clients, settle our suits. Diligence demands we do more.

Perhaps not all of us will write or interpret the laws. No matter. As Abraham Lincoln observed, "He who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statues and decisions possible or impossible to be executed." Our years at Suffolk have honed our abilities to analyze and our powers to persuade. Entrance into the bar will give us the trust and respect of our peers. What use shall we make of these opportunities? How shall we sharpen our skills, temper our talents?

Gleason Archer's dream is our command. For it is only through Honesty and Diligence that true justice will ever be achieved. Thank you. ☺
876 Degrees Awarded at June 4 Commencement

A total of 876 degrees were awarded at the June 4 commencement exercises at the Wang Center where President Daniel H. Perlman presided at his final Suffolk commencement before he departed the University on July 1.

Perlman conferred degrees on 438 graduates from the Suffolk Law School in the morning and the exact same number from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of Management at the afternoon exercises.

Franklin, whose acclaimed 1987 book, From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro-Americans, is probably his most well known work, asked the graduates “to cast a critical eye about you, to discover for yourselves the inequities that exist in the eighties and nineties and to resolve to make your world better by undertaking to eradicate the inequities that you discover.”

At the afternoon exercises, Allison received an honorary doctor of commercial science degree.

He cautioned the graduates that as they seek worldly success “with its triple crown of wealth, fame and power” to use reason and concern for others or face, as singer Neal Diamond notes in one of his songs, not boundless joy but an “emptiness deep inside that won’t let him go.”

In imploring the class to act virtuously in their external lives, Allison declared, “Recognize that virtue is to be expressed in a multitude of daily acts. Do not overlook the mundane needs at your feet as you search for some lofty goal worthy of your noble aspirations. Virtue, wisdom and enlightenment are to be found in the simple particulars of life, not in grand cosmic abstractions.”

Allison’s late father, Dwight L. Allison, was a 1922 graduate of Suffolk Law School and an international lecture series at the university bears his name.

The graduating class included twin brothers Arthur and Robert Flohr of South Boston, who received bachelor of science in business administration degrees.

Graduating summa cum laude in the School of Management were Paul M. Drury of Canton, Michelle A. McMahon of Walpole, and Jennifer L. Tompkins of Derry, N.H., and from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Jeannine M. Begos of Winchester, Patricia B. Nagy of Lincoln, Deborah M. Silva of Woburn, Deborah F. Govostes of Everett, and Melissa L. Julian of Watertown.
Changes in Insurance Plans

By Judy Minardi

Some important changes in, and additions to, the University's benefits plans have been made. Francis Flannery, vice president-treasurer, in a letter to faculty and staff explained that these changes reflect the University's objective to offer good insurance coverage which is fair and equitable for all employees and which is reasonably priced. The changes, effective October 1, 1989, include:

Health Insurance

The University will offer two health plans—the John Hancock Preferred Health Plan and the Harvard Community Health Plan. This consolidation of health plan offerings is necessary to insure that the University's health groups are of sufficient size to spread the rise of health costs. The provision of both a Health Maintenance Organization (Harvard Community Health Plan) and a Preferred Provider Organization (John Hancock Preferred Health Plan) gives a representative mix of health plans. Employee contributions for both plans will be the same—$20/month for individual membership and $40/month for family membership.

Dental Insurance

For the first time, the University will offer a dental insurance plan. This plan will be underwritten by the Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts, the largest insurer of group dental plans in the Commonwealth. Over 96% of the dentists in the state participate in the plan. Employee contributions for this plan will be $5 per month for individual membership and $15 per month for family membership.

Life Insurance

The present basic life insurance which provides $10,000 of insurance free of charge will be increased to an amount equal to 1 x salary free of charge.

All these benefits will be available to employees who work on a regularly scheduled basis 17 1/2 hours or more per week. The employee contribution rate is higher for those who work less than 30 hours per week.

An explanatory mailing was sent to all eligible employees earlier this month. Explanatory meetings with representatives of the insurers will be held on:

- Wednesday, July 26:
  - 3:30-4:30: S-521

- Wednesday, August 9:
  - 3:30-4:30: S-521

- Monday, September 11:
  - 3:30-4:30: S-521

- Tuesday, September 12:
  - 1:00-2:30: A-110

- Wednesday, September 13:
  - 3:30-4:30: D-128

In addition, meetings will be held in administrative departments to go over details and to assist in the enrollment process. Schedules of these meetings will be circulated soon.

Questions may be directed to Dan McDonald, 573-8415 or Judy Minardi, 573-8419 in the Personnel Office. The Personnel Office will be open all summer and will be happy to answer your questions.

Roskelly Leaving Personnel Post

Mike Roskelly, director of personnel for the past three years, will leave his post at the end of July he has announced.

Roskelly is moving to Greensboro, N.C. where his wife, Hephzibah, has accepted a teaching post at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She has been a professor of English at U/Mass Boston.

Before coming to Suffolk, Roskelly had served with Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Louisville, Kentucky for 12 years. During his service at Suffolk, he directed the United Way campaigns and was instrumental in the establishment of the school's no smoking policy, formation of the Wellness Committee, and instituting major changes in employees benefits. He expects to remain in the personnel field.

AIDS Education Program Developed

Members of the University's Wellness Committee have developed an AIDS Education Program to address key issues surrounding the disease.

Dan McDonald of Personnel said educational sessions will be held each Tuesday at 2 p.m. at locations throughout the University. Included in the program will be a 20-minute video produced by the New England Corporate Consortium for AIDS Education, hosted by Dr. Timothy Johnson; a group discussion about legal and ethical concerns and responsibilities; and a question and answer session conducted by Melissa White, director of health services.

Contact McDonald at Extension 8415 to obtain a schedule.

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Newsmakers

Marin R. Scordato, associate professor, Law School. Has been appointed to the executive committee of the Law and Media Committee of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. He's also been appointed to the Media and Communications Law Committee of the Florida bar.

Michael Rustad, associate professor, Law School. He's been awarded a research grant by the Roscoe Pound Foundation of the American Trial Lawyers Association. His research project is "An Empirical Study of Punitive Damages Verdicts in Products Liability Cases." He and Prof. Kip Viscusi of Duke University were honored by the Roscoe Pound Foundation at its July 18th banquet at the Ritz Carlton.

Thomas Lambert, Law School. He addressed the 35th annual convention of International Academy of Trial Lawyers on "Torts, Retrospect and Prospect" at the Four Seasons Hotel May 31 and on July 18 he addressed the annual convention of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America at the Westin Hotel.

Joe McCarthy, Education. McCarthy read a paper, "Christian Education and the Stimulation of Educational Innovation in the 13th and 14th Centuries," at St. Anselm's College Centennial Symposium.

Chris Perry, Financial Aid. She served as a presenter at the recent conference "Recruiting and Retaining Tomorrow's Leaders: Minority and Disadvantaged Students" and outlined the procedures for establishing a successful minority scholarship program such as Suffolk's Stewart Scholarship program.

Timothy Wilton, Law faculty. He's been appointed to the American Bar Association's standing committee on specialization. The seven-member committee has jurisdiction over ABA policy on matters regarding specialization in the practice of law. Wilton is executive director of the National Board of Trial Advocacy, which provides board certification for lawyers who are experienced civil or criminal trial specialists.

Dwight Golann, Law faculty. He's been named to chair a program "Taking ADR to the Bank" at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Honolulu. The program will analyze the growing use of arbitration and mediation to resolve commercial and consumer lending disputes. Golann's article, "Making ADR Mandatory, the Constitutional Issues," is being published this summer by the Oregon Law Review.

Michelle McMahon. Daughter of Suffolk Prof. Tom McMahon and Alcida McMahon, part-time S.U. nurse, was graduated Summa Cum Laude June 4 and also was selected the co-recipient of the Boston American Marketing Association's Bliss Memorial Award given to the most outstanding marketing senior in the New England district.


Warren Briggs, professor, CIS, has been reelected a trustee of the New England Regional Computing Program for a three-year term.

Arthur Hock of Career Services will be traveling with the Boston Camerata, early music performing group, for performances and a recording of the Gilles "Requiem" in Aix, France this summer. Hock, who has his music degree from Boston University, and plays violin, will be one of a 15-member orchestra making the trip.

Personnel
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Staff Promotions

Philip Therrien from utility personnel, Physical Plant to maintenance mechanic, Physical Plant.

Mary Kelly, office secretary, SOM-FRU to staff secretary, M.I.S.

Joanne Joseph, assistant Law Registrar to staff secretary Law Registrar.

Gina Gaffney, D.P. Assistant Admissions to coordinator, Law School.

Grace Elson, training coordinator Personnel to Admissions prospect coordinator, Enrollment Management.

Lisa Vigliotta, staff secretary, Personnel, to benefits assistant, Personnel.

New Employees

Anne Marie Gradito of Boston, office secretary, Psychology.

Janice Fama of East Weymouth, staff assistant, Sociology.

Kelley Oakley, of Billerica, office secretary, Institutional Advancement.

Kim Imbrascio of Wakefield, office secretary, Law Placement.

Gabriel Membreno of Jamaica Plain, utility helper, Physical Plant.

Vincent Ruggieri of Somerville, patrol officer, University Police.

Elizabeth Gemellaro of Malden, reference librarian, Law Library.

Chuong Nyguen of Boston, academic computer assistant, Math and Computer Science.

Linda Pozzani of Somerville, office secretary, SOM-Administration Office.
Dean Ronayne introduces Fulbright scholar winner Helen M. Protopapas of Medford, a history major.

"That's my boy," congratulates Law Prof. Charles Kindregan to son Chad, who graduated from law school number one in his class, and received the Daniel Fern Award as Outstanding Day Student.

Giving address to SOM and CLAS graduates was Brian Fitzgerald of Rockland, who received a certificate of advanced graduate study.

Outstanding evening student Mary Ellen Welch of Peabody received Fern Award from Dean Sargent at law school exercises.

Former POW in North Vietnam Bot Lee Ledynh of South Vietnam received his juris doctor degree. He was a prisoner for five years during Vietnam War.

Summa Cum Laude graduate from SOM is Michelle A. McMahon of Walpole, daughter of Law Prof. Tom McMahon and Alcida McMahon, part-time nurse.

Class Marshal for CLAS and SOM was former alumni trustee Gerard A. Lozeau of Hanson, B.A. '64.

Message to CLAS and SOM grads and future alumni was given by Paula Corman, president of MBA/MPA Alumni Association.

Graduate and mom, Kathleen Callahan, daughter-in-law of Law Prof. Brian Callahan, proudly had children accompany her across stage for her juris doctor degree.
Potpourri
By Lou Connelly

Bernie Meyler of the School of Management calls it the Meyler Family Branch of the Suffolk University Alumni/Alumna Association, and if it's not a family graduate record, it is quite a distinction. When Meyler's son Daniel received his B.S. in Business Administration degree in accounting from the University June 4, he became the fifth of Meyler's offspring to receive a Suffolk undergraduate degree.


Does anyone have back copies of the student yearbook, The Beacon? Sawyer Library Director Ted Hamann is seeking issues for the following years: 1953, 1962, 1975, 1979, 1983 and 1988. "We would be very grateful for donations of copies of those years in our on-going effort to preserve a comprehensive record of the history of Suffolk University," Hamann told The SUN.

Twenty-two years after the Ridgeway zoning and building dispute arose (now settled amicably by all) Veep-Treasurer Frank Flannery observed in a newspaper interview that his hair had turned from black to snow white since the protracted discussion began. When the case started during Judge John E. Fenton's presidency, Flannery was in his early thirties and was Fenton's right-hand man on campus.

Congratulations to Patricia Hill of Graduate Admissions on her April wedding to David Foggarty. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii.

And likewise congrats to Phyllis Addario of the College Registrar's Office and husband Carmen on their first child, a 7 pound six ounce daughter, Gianna Marie. The baby arrived May 27, the couple's fifth wedding anniversary, Phyllis has been a Registrar's Office staffer for 11 years.

Summer reminder: The 12th Annual Alumni Golf Day will be held Monday, July 31 rain or shine at the Pocasset Golf Club on Cape Cod. And the Fifth Annual Red Sox Night will be held Wednesday, Aug. 16 when the Sox entertain the Toronto Blue Jays. There will be a buffet at the Diamond at Fenway preceding the game.

A sad note was the recent passing of retired law librarian John Lynch down on Buzzards Bay. John was a likable, entertaining gentleman, a good story teller, who served the law school with distinction during its expanding years. Our sympathies to his widow, Frances, who shared so many pleasant occasions with John at law school functions.

From the shores of Cobscook Bay, we learn that Peter Burn and Carl Merrill of Biology conducted a week-long "Introduction to Marine Science" for 12 students from the Snowdon High School in Boston. The program, held at the Friedman Field Station and funded by the Mass. Board of Regents for Higher Education, stressed the practical questions in specific fields of marine science and the academic preparation necessary for such careers.

Ed Hartmann, one of Suffolk's true living legends, is recuperating in Dennisport, Cape Cod from a severe heart attack suffered while visiting relatives in Wilkes Barre, Pa. We talked with Ed recently and he was heartened by the plethora of get well cards he's received and sends his thanks to all. Before he was stricken, Hartmann's latest publication, The Ethnic History of the Wyoming Valley, (his hometown community in Pennsylvania) came off the presses of Wilkes College Press in time for Ed's 77th birthday.

The University has received a grant of $80,000 from the Department of Education to provide three new and two continuing fellowships under the Patricia Roberts Harris Public Service Fellowship program enabling the University to recruit women and minorities in the Public Administration program. Michael Lavin, chairman of public management, will direct the program.

The University's Heritage Committee has elected four new recipients of the coveted Heritage Medallions for service to the institution. They are the late Law Prof. John E. Lombard, retired Law Prof. Al Maleson and from CLAS, retiring Associate Dean Joseph H. Strain and Biology's Art West. This brings to 29 the number who have been honored since the heritage program was instituted in 1981. Maleson and Lombard's awards will be presented in the fall with Strain and West to be honored in the spring of 1990.

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Haig Agababian, a marketing instructor for SOM and a member of Governor Dukakis' Business Advisory Council, has authored an article, "Strategic Budget Planning" for the May/June issue of the magazine, Retail Control, published by the Financial Executives Division of the National Retail Merchants Association.

Ted Hamann and Jim Coleman of the Sawyer Library attended a conference of the New England Computing Program at Boston College that was chaired by Warren Briggs. Ted and Jim spoke on the topic, "Optical Disc for Bibliographic Reference and Card Catalogues." Briggs has been named to the editorial review board of the Journal of Computing in Higher Education, a new journal of the New England Regional Computing Program.

Associate Law School Dean Malcolm Donahue walked his second daughter down the aisle of St. Elizabeth's Church in Edgartown June 17. Cynthia Louise Donahue, an account executive for Mullen Advertising in Wenham, married Andrew Richards, a second year grad student at Harvard Business School. The couple met during their undergraduate days at Harvard from where Cynthia was graduated magna cum laude in 1985.

How's this for a commuter student, long a trademark of Suffolk University? Since March, every week, Naresh Kapahi has flown round trip from California to Boston to complete our Executive MBA program. He was recruited as CFO of a $40 million A.T. Cross subsidiary on the West Coast. In relating the story at the annual Summa dinner, President Dan Perlman quipped, "He (Kapahi) earns a lot of frequent flyer points and has the time aloft to do his homework without telephone interruptions."

The Law School won the plaudits of new Chief Justice Paul Liacos of the Supreme Judicial Court and Chief Justice John M. Greaney of the Appeals Court of Massachusetts for hosting the recent press conference at which the Gender Bias Study Commission released its report. As Prof. Marc D. Greenbaum pointed out, the role of the law school in this event was readily acknowledged, notably on Channel 4 and in the Boston Globe.

Left to right: Stan Dennis, Howard Aucoin, Richard L. McDowell, Bob Waehler At SOM Celebration Dinner.

Business Manager Paul Ryan is recuperating from involved knee surgery and is expected to be on crutches for several weeks. Another administrator, Jim Mulrooney of Institutional Advancement, underwent foot surgery and is having therapy.

The School of Management celebrated its recent AACSB accreditation and saluted its retiring duo of Howie Aucoin and Stan Dennis at a dinner at the Hotel Lafayette at which former Dean Bob Waehler, who retired a year ago, was also honored. Dean Dick McDowell, on crutches after suffering a severe ankle sprain in a fall at the MBA/MPA hoooding exercises, and toastmaster Ben Diamond, handled most of the speaking program. Diamond, a wry wit, is now the senior faculty member of Suffolk University. He began his teaching career here back in 1955.

Mary Lou Ward, a staffer in Institutional Advancement for the past 7 years, has accepted a position in fund raising at Mount Auburn Hospital.

And Athletics Joe Walsh, just off a 15-12 winning Rams baseball season, is the pitching coach this summer for Dennis-Yarmouth in the Cape Cod League.

Fran Burke of Public Management provided a top speaker when the MBA/MPA alumni awards program was held. Transportation czar Fred Salvucci was the key speaker.

Don V. Levitan, also of public management, teamed up with Catherine M. Merlo and Alissa R. Schagrin to author a Tale of Two Projects, a discussion on inner city housing, as the cover story in the Federal Home Loan Bank Inc. Board Journal.

A nice summer to all.