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Historic site for new law building

A state-of-the-art new building for Suffolk University Law School, and the anchor project in the revitalization of Boston's historic Tremont Street neighborhood.

That is the double potential in Suffolk University's plans to acquire two adjacent buildings at 110-120 Tremont Street in Boston.

At a July press conference at the historic site, University President David J. Sargent and Boston's outgoing Mayor Raymond L. Flynn announced an "agreement in principle" for the purchase of the property.

Said President Sargent: "After resolution of some final details, the University expects to take title of this property within the next several weeks. Since its inception in 1906, Suffolk University's mission has been to provide a high-quality education particularly for the young people of Boston. Although our student body now includes students from all over the world, we maintain our commitment to the young people of this city. When we open the doors of the new Suffolk University Law School for its very first class of students, we will carry our mission into the next century. We renew our pledge to be an active and helpful neighbor on Beacon Hill and in the City of Boston."

The two abandoned, antiquated buildings at the site are owned by international developer Olympia & York. Vacant for four years, the buildings have been described as "examples of urban blight." When the sale agreement has been completed, the University plans to demolish the two buildings and construct the new facility for the Law School on the site. Studies indicated that both of the current buildings at the site, dating back to the 1890s, could not be renovated.

Preliminary plans envision construction of an eight-story building that will encompass approximately 250,000 gross square feet of space. It would house modern lecture halls, moot courtrooms, classrooms, law libraries, faculty and administrative offices, and other facilities. At ground level, there are plans to incorporate uses that will encourage pedestrian traffic at the site, which is located on Boston's historic Freedom Trail. Those uses may include a bookstore and historic displays.

China: Suffolk's next destination

Suffolk University and two Chinese organizations have launched a joint venture to create what is believed to be the first college involving foreigners to be established in China.

The educational partnership is called the Stilwell School of International Studies. It brings Suffolk together with the Stilwell Center and Sichuan International Studies University, both in Chongqing, China.

Announcement of the pioneering joint venture was made by China's Official News Agency in Beijing in late June.

Unlike most state-financed Chinese universities, the new Stilwell School will not offer free tuition or job assignments. However, scholarship support will be available, according to Marguerite J. Dennis, Dean of Enrollment.

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In making the announcement, Flynn characterized the project as the start of a major effort to revitalize Boston's midtown district. The site is on the section of Tremont Street bounded by Bromfield Street and Hamilton Place.

President Sargent said the final design of the new Law School building will complement the character of the surrounding area which is noted for its many historic features such as the Granary Burial Ground, Park Street Church, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tremont Temple and the Boston Common. He said the University will work closely with the city and civic organizations during the planning process.

The cost of the project is expected to be in the $50 to $60-million range. Currently, the Law School is housed in buildings on Temple Street, near the Massachusetts State House.

To Boston, the area is important because it connects Beacon Hill and the Boston Common to the Ladder Block District, Downtown Crossing, Government Center and Faneuil Hall Marketplace. At the news conference, Flynn also announced the start of a comprehensive effort to revitalize the midtown district with a $2.3-million public improvement program to upgrade sidewalks, pavement, street lighting and landscaping. He also announced the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee to spearhead the revitalization effort.

Said Mayor Flynn: "Today's announcement is of vital importance to downtown Boston. It is also important for one of Boston's fine institutions, Suffolk University, because it will be developing a new law school building on one of the most prominent sites in downtown Boston. It is important for downtown that this kind of use - which will have activity both during the day and night - will be located on a site which is on the Freedom Trail and nearby the Boston Common and our downtown shopping district."

A subsequent editorial in the Boston Globe, entitled "Hope for Tremont Street," said the project represents "a vote of confidence in the future of downtown Boston."

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and Retention Management at Suffolk. Dean Dennis was the University's representative during the discussions that led to the creation of the new college.

Dean Dennis said Chinese students will enroll for a two-year course at the Stilwell School, then be eligible to enroll at Suffolk University to complete requirements for their bachelor's degrees.

In addition, the new venture will make it possible for Suffolk students and those from other American colleges and universities to study for either one semester or one year at the Stilwell School, to learn about the Chinese language and culture. For faculty, the agreement also provides opportunities for international research and related experiences.

Dean Dennis said the ultimate goal of the unique program is to bring as many as 50 Chinese students to Suffolk each year. At least initially, up to 10 Suffolk students will study in Chongqing for five weeks each semester. Chongqing is southwest China's largest city.

The new college, located in southwestern Sichuan Province, is named for Gen. Joseph Stilwell who commanded United States forces in China, Burma and India during World War II.
Debate team captures national title
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Suffolk was the only school to place three students into the elite elimination rounds and placed all three in the top 10 of the Lincoln-Douglas, or one-on-one, debate competitions.

Overall, Suffolk qualified eight students to attend, making it the largest number from any college or university in the region. Other New England schools represented were Harvard University, Boston College, Tufts University, Northeastern University and Emerson College.

The forensic team is coached by Communication and Journalism Professor Dr. Edward J. Harris, who is also the National Tournament director, and Instructor Sarah M. Carroll. “We were fortunate to have three very talented seniors who saved their best performances for the championship,” said Harris. “Some schools had one strong debater but none of the schools in this competition had the depth of talent that we did.” Suffolk edged Western Kentucky University, Ohio University, University of Wisconsin and Wayne State to win the competition.

The team has successfully moved up in the ranks in the past couple of years. In the 1992 competition, the Suffolk team placed third, and the year before, Allison M. Hazen, BA93, was ranked the top novice debater at the nationals.

Pfeiffer heads ADA research

School of Management public management professor David Pfeiffer is researching the impact and the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Research is being funded by a three-year, $450,000 grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR).

In the first year of research the focus was to study and evaluate by monitoring the activities of the federal agencies responsible for the ADA implementation. With research now in its second year, findings of the study, formally named, “The ADA: Implementation and Evaluation,” have resulted in a number of standards being developed, which will be used to judge the success of ADA implementation.

The project staff will also monitor publications which discuss the ADA, and will communicate through mailings with the grass roots level of the disability community to determine their views.

Pfeiffer notes, “The act is intended to get people to work, to remove physical barriers to their working, and to make all public buildings and facilities accessible.” To this end, he gets the sense that people and organizations are aware of the ADA and are planning toward carrying out the necessary tasks to remove barriers and have taken steps toward its implementation. But, from the viewpoint of a person with a disability, he feels “the implementation is not going as fast or as smooth as we would like it.”

A wheelchair user since age nine as a result of a bout with polio, he has long been an advocate for the civil rights of the disabled. Pfeiffer has completed his second term as president of the Society for Disability Studies. From 1986 to 1989 he chaired the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Handicapped Affairs and is former state director of the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals.

His efforts toward educating the public on disabilities has led to the University adopting the first disability studies concentration in a Master of Public Administration program in the United States. It is particularly appropriate because the ADA applies to all state and municipal governments in the U.S. as well as to all colleges and universities. Classes such as Disability Rights; Disability Issues; Change in Disability Policy and Disability and Public Policy, hopefully will ensure that future public policy administrators are aware and will become sincere advocates for the issues and concerns facing the disabled.
1,100 grads hear Brown, Gen. Hoar

The U.S. Secretary of Commerce, the commander of Operation Restore Hope in Somalia and close to 1,100 graduates shared the spotlight at the University’s commencement exercises this year.

Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown gave the commencement address at Law School ceremonies during which 518 graduates received their law degrees. And Gen. Joseph P. Hoar, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Central Command who led the Somalia operation, was keynote speaker as 544 students earned degrees at the combined exercises of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the School of Management.

University President David J. Sargent presided at both events, which were held in the Wang Center for the Performing Arts in Boston. Secretary Brown and General Hoar were awarded honorary degrees, as were seven other distinguished recipients. (See honorary degree list and citation excerpts on opposite page.)

At the Law School’s morning exercises, Secretary Brown cautioned graduates to hold on to their ideals and not be caught up in cynicism, adding: “When you leave here today - especially given your choice to practice law - some people will attempt to put you behind new walls, to categorize your views and ideals simply by the profession you have chosen...But never allow others to define you, or limit you, or tell you what to believe.”

General Hoar, at the CLAS/SOM afternoon ceremonies, told the graduates to remain open to new ideas as they embark on their careers. He also encouraged graduates to find ways to help others: “If you are to find happiness in your life, you must find a way to serve...”

Dean Paul R. Sugarman presented the degrees at the Law School ceremonies. Thomas J. Wynn, Esq., JD68, was the University Marshal for the procession, representing the 25th anniversary class. Jennifer Merrigan Fay offered greetings from the graduating class. She earned the outstanding student award in the day school; Robert J. Maselek and Robert S. Stephen shared the honor in the evening division.

Deans Michael R. Ronayne of CLAS and John F. Brennan of SOM presented degrees to graduates of their respective schools. Louis R. Greenwald, who earned a bachelor of science in business administration degree, brought class greetings. The marshal was Michael DeMarco, BA68, JD71, also representing his 25th anniversary class. Class marshals were Rocco Ciccarello, Kristen Ciolkosz, Denise Neville and Lisa Viguilotta.

PROUD MOTHER AND GRADUATE

June Schuette accepts her degree with the help of her two children, Peter, in arms, and Durrie.

Robert J. Maselek is congratulated by Law School Dean Paul R. Sugarman for receiving an outstanding student award in the Law School evening division. He shared the honor with classmate Robert S. Stephen.
Nine receive honorary degrees

The following are excerpts from the citations for honorary degree recipients at the 1993 Commencement exercises.

Ronald H. Brown, U.S. Secretary of Commerce:

"You have manifested throughout your life a deep and abiding dedication to the ideals of social justice."

General Joseph P. Hoar, U.S. Marine Corps, Commander in Chief of the United States Central Command, who directed all U.S. military operations in Somalia, supervising Operation Restore Hope:

"Your calmly measured and judicious decision-making enabled food and medicine to be distributed and insurgent factions to be quelled, and allowed the United Nations relief effort to proceed."

Nicholas A. Buoniconti, Suffolk Law School graduate, linebacker on two Super Bowl championship teams, and Vice Chairman of Columbia Laboratories, Inc.:

"For the example you have set for all of our students and graduates of adherence to high-minded ethical obligations and selfless dedication to the good of society."

Dr. Joseph E. Murray, Nobel Laureate in medicine:

"Your unwavering belief, in spite of many setbacks, has proved to a doubting world that it is possible to transplant organs to save the lives of dying patients."

Xie Xide, physicist, former President of Fudan University, Shanghai, and member of the Central Committee of the People's Republic of China:

"You are the living embodiment of the highest aspirations of the international community of scholars."

John N. Driscoll, Graduate of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Founding President and Chairman, HNU Systems, Inc.:

"You have made our world a better place to live and breathe in, and your labors have been of great importance to America's space program."

Angelo N. Scangas, Chairman, Scangas Holdings, co-founder, West Lynn Creamery:

"A singularly admirable and praiseworthy gentleman...decades of selfless service...accumulation of matchless accomplishments."

The Hon. Thomas F. Kelleher, Retired Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court:

"The superb example which you provide to law students and young lawyers of what a life well-lived in the law can mean."

Carol A. Cowen, President, Middlesex Community College:

"Your service to the noblest ideals of higher learning."
Retention Excellence Award
The University is one of nine institutions selected to receive a 1993 Retention Excellence Award. The award was presented at a luncheon held in July during the 1993 National Conference on Student Retention in New Orleans.

Remembering the Holocaust
The University's Counseling Center sponsored a production of "Terezin, Children of the Holocaust." Proceeds from the play will benefit People Helping People, Face-to-Face, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing together descendants of polarized groups.

WBZ's Brudnoy visits Suffolk
"The David Brudnoy Show" on WBZ Radio was delivered live from the University in April. Featured guest for the program were Former Massachusetts Congressman Brian Donnelly and GOP Political Analyst Todd Domke who assessed the first 100 days of the Clinton Presidency.

Executive Masters in Health
Beginning in the fall of 1993 the University will introduce an Executive Masters in Health Administration program. The Saturday only program is designed for professionals with at least five years experience and who already have a graduate degree. It consists of ten courses in health care administration and public management, and can be completed in one year.

New SOM associate dean
Dr. C. Richard Torrisi has been named as associate dean/director of graduate programs of the School of Management. Torrisi, of Vernon, Connecticut, has also been appointed an associate professor in international business. He is now responsible for 18 graduate programs and will serve as deputy to the dean on all SOM affairs. He is a doctoral graduate from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, where he was a Maxwell Fellow, and is widely published in such publications as the Journal of Economics, Eastern Economics Journal and Journal of Economic Development.

Sargent Fellowship awarded
Hung T. Tran, a native of South Vietnam, is the recipient of a full three-year scholarship. The David J. Sargent Fellowship, which is offered annually to an academically talented applicant to the Law School was given to Tran, age 22, whose determination brought him to the U.S. in 1983 at age 12. He has established himself as an honors student in high school and in his recent graduation from Boston College with high honors.

Meizhu Lui honored
Meizhu Lui, director of the Boston Health Access Project - Health Care for All, was speaker for the Pi Alpha Alpha induction ceremony held at the State House. Speaking on "Nurturing Organizations: Redefining Excellence," Lui was also inducted as an honorary member of Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Administration.

Party chairpersons debate
Facing off for the first time since winning their posts, were Democratic Party Chairwoman Joan Menard and Republican Party Chairman Jim Rappaport. The June debate co-sponsored by the University and Community Newspapers Company, allowed them to contrast their parties' philosophies and abilities to handle the tough issues facing Massachusetts, including the economy, education, and environmental protection.

Communications partnership
The University has teamed up with Northeast Broadcasting School to offer students at both institutions unique educational programs in communications. The program will enable students at the one-year Northeast to pursue a liberal arts degree at Suffolk by combining core courses in the liberal arts and sciences with extensive hands-on training in radio, television and music recording studios.

Edward Albee visit
Famed playwright Edward Albee made a rare visit to Boston this past spring when he appeared at the University for a day of activities. His visit was part of the International English Honor Society (Sigma Tau Delta, Eta Upsilon Chapter) 1993 Eastern Regional Convention, "A Revolution of Diversity." Albee conducted a creative writing workshop, attended a Suffolk student production of his play "The Zoo Story", and presented an evening lecture, "The Playwright vs. the Theatre," where he discussed the state of American Theater; its problems, its strength, and its future. Following, he was made an honorary member of Sigma Tau Delta, Eta Upsilon Chapter.

Suffolk/Hull partnership
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Kids to College
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Charitable gift annuity program established

Suffolk University has announced the establishment of a charitable gift annuity program to encourage long-range support for its educational programs. This is a method of giving that combines a return of lifetime income with tax deduction benefits.

A Simple Gift Arrangement - A charitable gift annuity is a simple agreement between a donor and the University. In exchange for a gift, typically cash or securities, the University pays the donor a guaranteed fixed income, paid quarterly for life. A donor may name a second beneficiary to receive payments.

Secure Income - The annual income is based on the age of the income recipient at the time the gift is made. The older the beneficiary the higher the income. A portion of the annual income is received tax-free, increasing the overall rate of return. The chart reveals why gift annuities are especially appealing in this period of interest rates of around 3%.

Tax Benefits - A Charitable Gift Annuity is actually part gift and part investment. When the gift is made, the donor can claim an immediate income tax charitable deduction for the gift portion of the annuity. The size of the deduction is based on the contribution amount and the ages of the beneficiaries.

Based on a $5,000 gift, the rates of return, annuity payments, and charitable deductions for a sample range of ages are:

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Retirement Income - A donor may wish to maximize present tax deductions while postponing income. An alternative plan, the deferred payment gift annuity, permits a donor to defer payments until a specific time in the future. The donor receives a higher immediate income tax deduction and higher income payments than in the case with the regular annuity.

A Satisfying Gift - The gift annuity provides the donor with the satisfaction of ensuring critical future support for the University while enjoying financial and tax benefits. The donor can stipulate that the gift ultimately be used to support a specific purpose or may designate it unrestricted, permitting Suffolk to determine the best use of the funds. The minimum contribution required to make a gift annuity is $5,000.

For more information about gift annuities or other gift plans that provide lifetime income, please write or telephone: Diane Y. Spence, director of special gifts, 8 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108-2770, (617) 573-8444.

Lowell Lectures

Education at the Crossroads

The 11th annual Lowell Lecture series, entitled “Education at the Crossroads,” brought two renowned education advocates to Suffolk.

The March presenter was Marva N. Collins, founder and director of the Westside Preparatory School in Chicago and subject of the movie, “The Marva Collins Story.” A 1992 recipient of an honorary doctor of humane letters from Suffolk, Collins lecture “Relighting the Candle of Excellence Across America,” included many success stories about demanding high standards of educational excellence from children of many backgrounds.

In April, the University welcomed Penno C. Schmidt, Jr., chief executive officer of the Edison Project and former president of Yale University. His lecture entitled, “The Case for Structural Reform Through Private Innovation,” focused on public school weaknesses and ways to address them through the Edison Project, an ambitious plan for a nationwide system of private, state-of-the-art for profit schools.
A group of Suffolk graduates assembled in June for the first reception to commemorate their work in the University’s Alumni Career Advisory Network.

The event was a well-deserved “thank you” because they, and scores of other alumni, are on the front line of a program in the office of Career Services and Cooperative Education. Together, they form an effective and timely network of about 500 alumni who advise students and other graduates about careers and jobs.

That’s but one of a closely related array of programs the office provides, under the direction of Paul Tanklefsky. Also included are individual career counseling, maintenance of a comprehensive resource library including computerized databases, and a multi-faceted program of on-campus and off-campus activities such as job fairs and employers recruiting. That’s in addition to the impressive network of work sites assembled in support of the University’s Cooperative Education Program.

From its offices at 8 Ashburton Place, Career Services also circulates up-to-date career information, including a newsletter called “Career Creation” edited by Betsy McDowell, assistant director for career services. In the recent May issue, the newsletter provided job-search advice to members of the 1993 graduating classes, drawing on the personal experiences of two recent grads to illustrate its message.

A slumping national economy and resulting high unemployment make the work of the Career Services office especially crucial, and challenging.

As Tanklefsky and McDowell explain it: “The office has become increasingly proactive in its career-service activities, and that’s the stance we recommend to students and alumni, too. In the present economy, people have to be aware of every possible tool that can be useful in planning a career. The office’s professional staff, and the extensions of our office like the Alumni Career Advisory Network can help ensure that all those tools are available.”

All the office’s services, except the student-oriented cooperative education program and on-campus recruiting activities, are available to Suffolk alumni. Tanklefsky noted that, while many colleges charge alumni for such services, they are available free to graduate of Suffolk, “because our alumni remain very much part of our institutional family.”

Did you know?

The University’s athletic teams have been known as the Rams for a long time - 42 years, to be exact. But did you ever wonder how they came to be known by that nickname?

For the first few years of the athletic program, back in the late 1940s, Suffolk teams were called the Royals or Judges. That may have been appropriate for an institution founded in 1906 as a law school, but it wasn’t seen as fitting for a school trying to emphasize its wider, university image. And it was coincidence enough that the founder of the athletic program, and its first director, happened to be named Charlie Law.

So, the student Varsity Club and the Suffolk Journal newspaper teamed up to sponsor a campus-wide contest to rename the Suffolk teams. The name Rams won in a landslide. It was noted along the way that a Suffolk is an English sheep and suggested that the appellation Rams packed more punch than Royals or Judges.

To mark the occasion of the name change, Varsity Club members gathered on the stage of the Suffolk Auditorium/Theater, accompanied by a live ram which was draped in a blanket with the name Hiram emblazoned on it.

Hiram, of course, also happened to be the first name of the brother of Suffolk founder Gleason L. Archer. He also had been a force in the development of the University as both teacher and trustee.

(This is one of a continuing series of brief articles about Suffolk history.)