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AFRO-AMERICAN LITERATURE COLLECTION  
TO BE ESTABLISHED AT SUFFOLK

A collection of Afro-American literature, featuring complete works of noted black writers, has been established jointly by Suffolk University and the Museum of Afro-American History. The museum is a Beacon Hill neighbor of Suffolk since it recently purchased property on Smith Court from the Congregation Ansell Lebariz.

The agreement was reached following discussions initiated by Suffolk English Professor Edward Clark and museum officials. The announcement was made by President Fulham and Museum President Henry E. Hampton.

Suffolk will house most of the collection in its college library and the collection will be staffed by Suffolk personnel. It is hoped the collection will serve as the nucleus for a permanent center in Boston for the study of Afro-American literature.

"We view the establishment of such a collection as a cooperative step by two neighbors to foster closer racial relations," Presidents Fulham and Hampton said in a joint statement. "It will enable both students and museum visitors to utilize both the museum and Suffolk's library to learn about and enjoy Afro-American literature."

The collection will include works of all important Afro-American writers including poetry, plays, novels and essays and critical, historical and biographical works on Afro-American literature by writers of all races.

Professor Clark, long interested in racial literature and minority groups, developed the first course in Afro-American literature at Suffolk. Others taking part in the discussions leading to the agreement were: Presidents Fulham and Hampton, Museum Curator J. Marcus Mitchell, Byron Rushing, administrator of the museum, Mrs. Inez L. Patten, lecturer in sociology at Suffolk and a member of the Museum board of trustees, Richard J. Sullivan, director of libraries, Dean Donald Grunewald, and Development Director James I.F. Matthew.

## RE-EVALUATION COMMITTEE HERE IN FEBRUARY

Seven New England educators make up the visiting committee who will visit Suffolk University, February 27 to 29 in connection with the 10-year re-evaluation of the university. They were asked to serve by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (New England Association of Schools and Colleges).

The educators chosen are: Dr. Marvin K. Peterson, president of the University of New Haven, who is chairman of the committee; Dr. Sylvan Barnet, Fletcher Professor of English Literature at Tufts University; Dr. Willard M. Duff, associate professor of biology at the University of Hartford; Dr. Frederick A. Ekeblad, dean of the college of business administration at the University of Bridgeport; Dr. Chapin A. Harris, dean of the faculty at Lowell Technological Institute; Dr. Eleanor M. McMahon, associate dean of educational studies at Rhode Island College; and Alan L. Moberly, assistant professor of history at New England College.

While at Suffolk, the committee is expected to conduct interviews with faculty department heads, administrators, and students. The Suffolk self-study committee has been headed by Dr. Joseph H. Strain, dean of Suffolk's evening division and director of the summer sessions.

Suffolk was first accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1952 and again in 1962.

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## MRS. WILLIAMS NEW ADVISER TO WOMEN

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Williams, associate professor of psychology, has been named adviser to women in the colleges. She succeeds Dr. Florence Petherick, who is relinquishing the position to devote further time to her duties as chairman of the Humanities Department.

Mrs. Williams came to Suffolk in September, 1963 and was made associate professor of psychology in July, 1968. She is a graduate of Adelphi University, and received a master in education and certificate for advanced studies in counseling psychology from Harvard.

Among her memberships are the American Association of University Professors; American Psychological Association; New England Psychological Association; the Massachusetts Psychological Association; the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the American Academy for Social and Political Sciences; the Eastern Psychological Association and vice president for programs for the Greater Boston Chapter of Society for the Advancement of Management.

Dr. Petherick became a full-time Suffolk faculty member in 1957 and was named chairman of the Humanities Department in 1970.

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## . . . ALONG THE SPEAKER'S TRAIL . . .

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SHERIFF JOHN J. BUCKLEY appeared at Suffolk on January 4 under the auspices of the Sociology Club and disclosed plans for a unique rehabilitation program involving prisoners on a work-release basis and ex-convicts on parole.

Buckley said that the Law Enforcement Assistant Administration is willing to underwrite the program for one year. If it failed, the prisoners would be returned to the House of Correction. Buckley said the program would include utilizing the city's businesses, colleges and civic groups.

The sheriff's remarks received detailed coverage in the Boston news media and were picked up by the wire services and carried by papers around Eastern Massachusetts. A reception for Buckley was held in the President's Conference Room. Mark Leonard, chairman of the Sociology Club, directed the program.

RALPH NADER, the outspoken consumer's advocate, will be sponsored by Suffolk University in an appearance at John Hancock Hall, Friday, February 4 at 8 p.m. Combining to present Nader are the Student Bar Association, the Student Government Association and the Distinguished Speaker Committee, chaired by Dr. Dion J. Archon. Tickets with Suffolk identification are 50 cents per person, and \$1 for regular admission.

DR. JOHN H. KNOWLES, who recently quit his post as director of the Massachusetts General Hospital to become president of the Rockefeller Foundation, will appear at Suffolk on March 7 at 1 p.m. under the auspices of the Student Government and the Distinguished Speaker series.

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## A THANK YOU TO PEOPLE WHO CARED

The Christmas holidays were made brighter for the family of Suffolk custodian Coleman Foley because of the spirit and good will of the university students, faculty and staff.

The Foley family of eight were burned out of their Dorchester apartment by a December fire. Rallying to their support with contributions were Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Alpha Tau, Delta Sigma Pi, Phi Sigma Sigma, Gamma Sigma Sigma, the Political Science Club, the Veterans Association and the Law Review.

Since it would be next to impossible to thank each person individually, Mr. Foley asked to extend his gratitude in the columns of THE SUN.

"My family and I are very grateful to the students, and all of the people at Suffolk University who were so kind to us during a very trying period. Thank you all for your interest."

The Foley family is now living at 645 East Broadway, South Boston.

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. . . AROUND AND ABOUT . . .

LOOK, FOLKS, A PRICE REDUCTION - It's a rare day when prices drop but the operators of the Charles River Parking Garage on Cambridge Street have seen fit to drop their daily parking rates for Suffolk personnel and students from \$1.75 to \$1.25. Naturally, you must show your S.U. stamp. The big Government Center Garage on New Sudbury Street has been offering daily parking for \$1 to Suffolk people since it opened.

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SWING, SWING, SWING - The Suffolk Social Committee is busy planning a Valentine's Dance for all faculty and staffers of the University. It will be held on Friday, February 11 from 8:30 until midnight, in the school cafeteria. There will be a cash bar. It's an informal affair with entertainment and music by the Blue Chip Orchestra, a North Shore group which will play all types of music. Dr. Ilse M. Fang, assistant professor of Modern Languages, is chairing the committee, which includes Professors John V. Colburn of English, and John W. White of Education, Professors Bernadette MacPherson of Speech, Professor Mary M. Mahoney of Psychological Services, and Professor Howard F. Aucion of Business Administration. In addition, helpers are needed to plan refreshments and decorations. Mrs. Thomas A. Fulham, wife of the President, has asked for spouses of Suffolk staffers to join her for coffee on Tuesday, February 1 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room for a planning session. The Social Committee is to be commended for its efforts to bring Suffolk's growing family together socially. Let's help make this a success with a good turnout!

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STANDING ROOM ONLY? - Suffolk's facilities, usually filled to capacity, had little break during the mid-year examination lull. Two big conferences kept the university as bustling a place as ever. The first was the eighth annual Internal Revenue Service parley on tax developments with more than 800 accountants and tax lawyers here for two days. Roger Volk and Dean Robert Waehler of our business college worked hard to make this a success on Suffolk's part. The second was a six-state New England conference on child care with about 300 people, including many parents in attendance. HEW, the New England Regional Commission and the New England Governors Conference sponsored this with S.U. It was structured from the Suffolk end by Don Fiorillo and John Sullivan of the sociology department and Jim Matthew of Development.

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PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION - President Fulham is one of 25 persons from throughout the nation to be appointed to serve on the first National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere selected by President Nixon. President Fulham was named to a three-year term. Other New Englanders chosen were Dayton H. Clewell of Darien, Connecticut, senior vice president of Mobil Oil Corporation, Charles L. Drake of Norwich, Vermont, professor of earth sciences at Dartmouth College, and Thomas F. Malone of West Hartford, Connecticut, vice president, University of Connecticut. President Fulham received his Presidential Commission from Secretary of Commerce Maurice Stans.

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## POTPOURRI. . .

It won't be long before THE SUN will have to carry a society column. Every month we're getting more engagements. This issue we record the following: Margie Calley, President's secretary, and Gordon "Skip" Sudsbury of Antrim, N.H., planning a June wedding; Bob Coughlin of Security and Barbara Blake of Milton, a senior in the college of liberal arts; Theresa D'Amore of College Placement to Gary Magno of Revere, a bio-chem major graduating in June, planning an August merger; Maryellen Stapleton of Alumni and William D. Enos of Dorchester. Congratulations to all!...Good luck to Christina Minukas (BSBA, 1969), former secretary to Dean Goodrich. She's been accepted as a Women's Officer Candidate in the U.S. Marine Corps and reports to Quantico in mid-June. Hopes to make a career out of it... Dottie McNamara attended the annual American Alumni Council's winter convention at the Sheraton-Wayfarer, Bedford, N.H...The familiar face in Dean Grunewald's office recently filling in for ailing Gloria Deren was Mrs. Joanne (Rooney) Ronayne, predecessor to Gloria on the job...

FROM THE FACULTY - Mrs. Marilyn Jurich, assistant professor of English, attended the Modern Language Association Convention in Chicago during the Christmas holidays and while there was one of the speakers at the third annual Seminar on Children's Literature. She spoke on "What's Left Out of Biography for Children?" Her article by the same title will appear in "The Great Exploited," first critical journal in children's literature published by the University of Connecticut and due to appear in the Spring. Also at the Chicago convention was Dr. Frederick C. Wilkins, assistant professor of English, representing the department and enjoying such panel discussions as "Boundaries of the Shakespearean World," "Critical Culture and the Over-the-Counter Culture." Dr. William Sahakian, chairman of the philosophy department, has been admitted to the Britannica Society, comprised of authors who have contributed to Encyclopedia Britannica. Dr. Sahakian has written a 10,000 word article on "Psychology, History of" for the latest edition...John M. Moran, assistant professor of education, is conducting a six-week program in adult education at St. Barbara's Church, Woburn. The program focuses on family interactions, techniques of child-rearing, and types of authority patterns and will consist of specific suggestions to improve pattern-child relationships. John is the father of seven...Dr. Vahe A. Sarafian, professor of history, addressed the Couples Club of St. Stephen's Armenian Apostolic Church of Greater Boston in Watertown. His topic was an original work entitled "The Probable Origin of the Armenian People." He has devoted some 30 years to specialized study in the areas of Russian and Asian history and anthropology...

OVERSEAS BUREAU - Jim Nelson, physical education instructor and assistant hoop coach, is on leave of absence to play basketball in Greece. The ex-B.C. star and wife and three children will be in Athens for four months. He's playing for the Ethnikos Peiraus Club and writes that the weather is Spring-like, the Acropolis beautiful and the basketball played there a lot different from that in the U.S... Way back before Christmas bursar Paul Ryan selected Dallas as his choice in the Super Bowl, but being a Patriots season ticket holder and an old AFL man, he admitted his heart was with Miami in the showdown. A lot of S.U. folks liked the Dolphins since star Nick Buoniconti is a January, 1968 law grad...Bernadette Cassidy of the ARA dining service has a new assistant, Lenore DeNapoli, who succeeds Marcia Dearborn, who has taken over the manager's position at Fisher Junior College...Leaving S.U. for a few months study in Rome is our campus minister, Father Eugene Alves. He'll return in the spring...See you next month...