College administrators and faculty were on hand to welcome students in Sullivan's charter MBA class prior to their first night of classes in the new program at the Louisville campus (see accompanying story for names of charter class members).

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Graduate Faculty Appointed

Dr. Stan Goldman and Dr. Stephen Graham-Hill have recently joined to the Sullivan College faculty as the first instructors in the College’s new Master of Business Administration Program. Dr. Goldman holds a B.A. degree from Haifa University in Israel, and both his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He has taught at Purdue University and Trinity University.

Dr. Graham-Hill earned his B.S. degree from Northern Kentucky University. He received both his M.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Graham-Hill has taught at the University of Kentucky, Guilford College, the University of Lethbridge and the University of Louisville.

The winter quarter of 1997 provided another capstone event in the long and distinguished history of Sullivan College. Sullivan began its first charter class of Master of Business Administration (MBA) graduate students in a brand new MBA curriculum developed over the past several years.

The first class of 17 students are all Sullivan College Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) graduates. College Dean, Dr. John Padgett, said, “We are very excited with the quality and background of each of these students and we know they will set the standard for those to follow.”

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Accreditation Includes New MBA Program

Sullivan College President A.R. Sullivan has notified The Herald that the College has received a letter from the executive director of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools notifying the College that the Commission has included the new master’s program at Sullivan College in the College’s grant of accreditation.

The Commission will be sched-
MBA Curriculum Built on Solid Foundation of Bachelor’s Degree (BSBA)

After a long and distinguished history as a business school and then as an accredited junior college of business, Sullivan College was approved to offer a bachelor’s degree in the fall of 1990. Thirty students began their education at Sullivan College at that time and it has grown to almost 600 students attending bachelor’s classes this past fall at our Louisville, Lexington and Fort Knox campuses. Over 300 students have already received their Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) degree from Sullivan College.

Full accreditation for the bachelor’s degree was received in 1992 and that accreditation was reaffirmed during the College’s regular reaffirmation visit by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the fall of 1994. Sullivan’s accreditation is now extended for a full ten-year grant of accreditation (the longest available) through the year 2004.

Dr. James Vernon, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of the Sullivan main campus said, “A lot of very hard work went into developing the curriculum for our master’s program.”

Dr. Vernon added, “We are very fortunate that Sullivan College is a college of business and with its major degree in business, the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Building on that degree to offer a master’s degree was a normal progression.” He added, “We feel extremely well qualified to offer a master’s degree in the same field where our major offering at the bachelor’s level is granted.”

Dr. John Padgett, Dean of the College, added, “We have built our curriculum on very solid foundations and each of the courses in the curriculum are designed to equip the graduate to be successful in whatever endeavor they undertake in the world of business and industry.”

MBA Students Speak Out

What are students in Sullivan College’s charter MBA class saying about the new degree program? Here are representative comments from some of our students.

“In today’s business environment, it takes more than just a bachelor’s degree to distinguish yourself. The MBA program at Sullivan offers me that chance,” said William A. Moore.

“Sullivan offers people like me who work during the day a chance to earn their MBA at night and on weekends in only 18 months. The MBA degree will open doors of opportunity and help pave the way for my future,” added Janet Crum.

Allison Mills said, “The MBA program at Sullivan provides the smaller classes that we had as undergraduates and that U of L or UK doesn’t have. The MBA also will provide us a better opportunity to advance in the business world.”

“I am extremely pleased with the MBA instructors,” said Donna Fox. “Both Dr. Goldman and Dr. Graham-Hill are very knowledgeable, personable, and sensitive to my needs. They present important material in a way that I can understand. I feel they respect their students, and that respect is mutual.”

LaVera Cook stated, “When I received my letter that Sullivan College was establishing an MBA program, there was no doubt that I would come back to school here. It is not only exciting to be a part of this charter class, but I also know I received a quality undergraduate education, and I expect the same from the MBA program.”
Plans for New Parking Lot Completed

Exciting news for all Sullivan students is that the College is completing the purchase of an approximately one-acre tract of land immediately adjacent to the main campus building to build an expanded parking lot for all students attending the College. This exciting news, which we know all students will truly appreciate will add over 105 parking spots with a few yards of the entrance of the main College building.

The efforts to obtain this parcel of land from the State Highway Department has been an almost five-year challenging task which has been very frustrating for the College because of the problems of getting a release of the land from the federal highway system.

Construction of the new parking lot will begin in the early spring of 1997. It is scheduled to be completed prior to the summer quarter.

MBA Students Eligible for Financial Aid

With the inclusion of Sullivan College's master's program in the accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, all master's degree students are eligible to receive federal financial aid through student loans to assist them with their education.

Graduate students are not eligible for Pell Grants, but have an extensive ability to receive other financial aid to assist them if needed. Applicants for the MBA program should contact the Sullivan College Financial Planning Office for full information.

While attending graduate school, payment on any loans a student received as an undergraduate student are deferred until the end of the graduate program plus an additional six months.

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and the year of their graduation include: Alan Lee Cook, 1994; LaVena J. Cook, 1995; Janet Sue Crum, 1996; Cindy Davis, 1996; Donna Wanita Fox, 1995; Phillip George, 1995; Timothy Lee Gilbert, 1995; Dianne Johnston, 1996; Shanna Malcolm, 1996; Allison Dee Mills, 1996; William A. Moore, 1996; Deborah L. Murphy, 1994; William Atten Murphy, 1996; Michael H. Romero, 1993; Rudolph G. Schmidt, 1993; David W. Tracy, 1994; and Sarah E. Wooldrich, 1994.

All classes for the new MBA program will meet nights or weekends. Classes this quarter meet from 5:30-8:40 p.m. on Wednesday night, with an all-day class on six Saturdays during the quarter. Classes in future quarters will be offered on a one-night-a-week basis or a weekend schedule based on students' work and personal preferences.

The new MBA program is designed to completed in six-quarters, or less than 18 months of attendance, allowing the students to continue their full-time employment while completing their master's degree.

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This follows Sullivan College's philosophy of offering all its bachelor's and master's degree classes at night and on weekends to allow graduates of the College's associate degree programs to immediately be employed full-time upon obtaining their associate degree, being able to earn their bachelor's degree in as short as 18 months after earning their associate degree, and now with an additional 18 months an MBA degree. This will allow freshmen at Sullivan to have an associate, bachelor's and master's degree in less than five years - putting Sullivan student two to five years ahead of many students attending other colleges.

Apply Now for New MBA Start Dates in 1997

The new cluster master's classes for 1997 are scheduled to begin the spring quarter beginning on March 31, 1997, the summer quarter, beginning June 30, 1997, and the fall quarter, beginning September 29, 1997.

Students desiring admission are highly encouraged to make an immediate application for each of these classes if they plan to attend and be part of the first year of charter classes.
President Sullivan Announces Plan to Build New On-Campus Library

At the winter 1997 graduation of Sullivan College, President A.R. Sullivan announced to the over 1,300 graduates and guests in attendance the exciting news that final plans are being completed for the construction of an on-campus, free-standing building for the College library on the Louisville campus. Part of the library will be the former church building, the Wendell Avenue Church of Christ Sanctuary, located immediately behind the main College cafeteria, just a few yards from the main College building.

President Sullivan shared with The Herald that the Louis & Henry Architects have completed initial plans for the new library which will more than double seating to over 250 reader stations and increase the amount of space available for books and student use by over five times the current amount of space available.

Jan Peach, College Librarian, said, “We hope to add extensive automation and additional data bases, as well as expanded study areas and reference materials for all our programs, including the MBA program.” Ms. Peach also shared that the library is open seven days a week to serve the needs of both the right and weekend classes at the bachelor’s and master’s levels.

She added that this is an exciting time in the history of Sullivan College. “We have just about outgrown the space on the main campus with the shelves almost full at this time.”

The current library space will be utilized by the College for additional classrooms, labs and office space which are much needed at this time.

How to Begin Your MBA

Students desiring admittance to the new MBA program should contact Sullivan College’s Admissions Office immediately for an interview and to reserve a place. Class size will be very limited in each of the classes to begin during 1997.

All applicants must be either in their final term of classes in a bachelor’s degree program or have an earned bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution. All students also must take, either prior to admission or before the end of their first term, the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) which is also required of all applicants.

Mark Your Calendar: GMAT Test Dates Set.

Students seeking admission to Sullivan College’s new MBA program must take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Prospective MBA students can take the test on March 15 or June 21, 1997.

Did You Know?

1) Sullivan College is the second largest private independent college or university in Kentucky with a fall enrollment of over 2,300 students.
2) Sullivan College had almost 600 juniors and seniors in its fall enrollment of 2,300 students and in January of this year began its first Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degree class.
3) Sullivan College awarded more bachelor’s degrees in business and computer science last year than any other four-year independent college or university in Kentucky.
4) Sullivan College awarded more associate degrees last year than any other independent two- or four-year college or university in Kentucky.
5) Sullivan College awarded more total certificates, diploma, associate and bachelor of science degrees last year than all other four-year independent colleges or universities in Kentucky.
6) Sullivan College has more culinary and baking and pastry arts students and more paralegal students than any other public or independent private college or university in Kentucky.