On Campus

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY
(above) Law Dean Kent Syverud, left, addresses National Council members during a tour of Seigle Hall.
(left) Seigle Hall, the new Social Sciences/Law Building, is slated to open in summer 2008.

HEART OF THE LAW SCHOOL
(right) A rendering of the glass canopy that will cover Anheuser-Busch Hall’s Crowder Courtyard. The Courtyard will become the new Student Commons, providing a year-round dramatic space where the law school community can congregate and interact.
Building the Future

Construction Projects Enhance Community and Collaboration

Spring and summer 2008 will bring significant progress in building projects in and around Anheuser-Busch Hall, designed to create well-functioning and vibrant community spaces, increased collaborations with other disciplines, and improved services for students.
The most dramatic renovation at Anheuser-Busch Hall is the glass canopy that will cover the Crowder Courtyard to create a year-round accessible, public space. Designed by Hartman-Cox and built by Supersky, the steel-supported structure spans an area of 6,054 square feet. A new 50-ton HVAC unit has been added to handle associated heating and air conditioning needs. Other improvements include additional group study rooms and faculty offices, a new main entrance on the first floor, and enhanced spaces for Clinical Education, Student Services, Career Services, and Computing/Audiovisual/Web Services. These projects will all be completed in time for the fall 2008 semester.

Work also continues on the new Social Sciences/Law Building, which is slated to open in summer 2008 and will be dedicated as Harry and Susan Seigle Hall in fall 2008. The law school will occupy about 28,000 square feet of this roughly 150,000-square-foot building, the remainder of which will be occupied by Arts & Sciences. Included in the law school’s portion is space for two 45-seat classrooms, one 67-seat classroom, two seminar rooms, student organizations, student journals, and international and LLM programs. The Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, named in honor of Harris, a philanthropist and former Nuremberg prosecutor, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies will occupy a suite on the first floor. The Center for Empirical Research in the Law will be on the second floor.

“SINCE THE OPENING OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH HALL in 1997, the student body, faculty, and staff have increased by approximately 50 percent,” says Kent Syverud, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. “The current law school facility is lacking adequate space to meet our needs. The new space in Seigle Hall and the renovations to Anheuser-Busch Hall are vital to creating the physical environment needed to offer a first-class legal education and to create a setting where community thrives.”

Pat Rolfe, facility and events manager, notes: “The timeline for construction is certainly a challenging one, but things are moving along nicely. It is essential that we are ready for business as usual by the start of the fall semester.”

The four-story, Collegiate Gothic Seigle Hall, which will foster increased collaborations between law and the social sciences, is being constructed just southwest of Anheuser-Busch Hall by St. Louis-based Tarlton Corporation. Seigle Hall was designed by Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects as a green structure, thus eligible for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

Janet Bolin, associate dean of Student Services, along with Gray Design, is working with a committee on interior design issues for the entire third floor of Anheuser-Busch Hall. These include ensuring that the combined Crowder Courtyard and Griffin Student Commons will offer a sense of vibrancy, while permitting multiple uses, such as study areas, soft seating, enhanced food services, and reception space.

Committee member and second-year law student Aaron Block notes: “Among the law school’s best assets are a strong sense of community and collegiality. So we’ve been working with the architects and design team to find ways to reflect and enhance those qualities.

“ONE OF OUR MOST SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS is the conversion of the Courtyard into the new Student Commons,” he continues. “We have a vision of the new Student Commons as the heart of the law school. We see it as a place where students, members of the faculty, and other members of the law school community will congregate and interact with one another—like an indoor plaza or piazza.”

New flooring, lighting, and furniture will be installed to facilitate the use of this space as a central gathering point. In other improvements, kiosks will be installed in various locations in the building for students to check e-mail and to print material. Visitors also will be able to check a kiosk listing events scheduled in the building. With the advent of Seigle Hall and the removal of parking on the south side of Anheuser-Busch Hall, the main entry to Anheuser-Busch Hall will be the north door on the first floor. The hallway will be widened to provide for a more inviting entrance. Also, the law school will maintain a presence at this entrance during working hours.

New landscaping, including shrubs, flowers, and benches, will enhance the approach to this main entrance and also create a visual connection between Anheuser-Busch Hall and Seigle Hall.
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EDWARD S. MACIAS

Seigles Provide Major Commitment for Social Sciences/Law Building

A $10 million commitment has been made to Washington University by alumnus and philanthropist Harry Seigle, BA ’68, and his wife, Susan, according to Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton. It is the lead gift for the building currently under construction on the western end of the Danforth Campus that will serve academic functions for the law school and three social science departments in Arts & Sciences.

“When considered alone, Harry and Susan Seigle’s commitment for our new building is a significant contribution to the future of this University,” Wrighton says. “When considered as the most recent of a series of major gifts to this institution, it is an extraordinary show of support. We are incredibly fortunate to receive their generous gifts.”

Wrighton is referring to the large number of gifts—supporting programs, scholarships, facilities, and, in 2005, a professorship in Arts & Sciences—that the Seigles have given over the years. The Seigles also attend and support numerous University events. Harry Seigle has served in several official capacities, including as a member of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Arts & Sciences National Council, and a founding chair of the Chicago Regional Cabinet.

Both Edward S. Macias and Kent Syverud, deans of Arts & Sciences and of Law, respectively, are delighted at the prospect of increased collaboration among the law school and departments of Economics, Political Science, and Education. Both stressed the importance of creating a physical space to foster new kinds of interaction required by interdisciplinary scholarship.

“Today, the social sciences are poised at the threshold of a new era of dynamic growth and discovery,” says Dean Macias, executive vice chancellor and the Barbara and David Thomas Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences. “This building will allow, for the first time, faculty and students to have state-of-the-art facilities located near their collaborators in law and business.”

“The interdisciplinary space is both beautiful and strategically important,” says Dean Syverud, the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. “Harry and Susan Seigle Hall will wonderfully cement our strong ties here between the law school and the social sciences.”

The law school campaign headed by National Council members and alumni Steven N. Rappaport, JD ’74, and Thomas R. Green, JD ’58, is approaching success.

“We are grateful to Tom and Steve for their leadership,” Syverud says. “The new space in Seigle Hall is an important part of the law school’s strategic efforts.”

Barbara Rea

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (top photo) A construction crew prepares the Crowder Courtyard for the addition of the new canopy. (center photo) National Council members Judge Jean Hamilton, JD ’71, left, and Howard Cayne, JD ’79, go on a tour of Seigle Hall with other council members. (bottom photo) Whitney and Anna Harris, center left, and law school officials and dignitaries cut the ceremonial ribbon, marking the rededication of the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute.