

SU's Newhouse to add third building

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SYRACUSE - The S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University will add a third building that is scheduled to open in 2006. The school plans to pick an architect this fall and will break ground in 2004. The announcement of the new building was the centerpiece of a "celebration of the future" held at the school on April 9.

"We're beginning a new era for this illustrious and renowned school," SU Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw said. "As proud as we are of this school, we know we can't stand still."

The Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation donated a \$15 million grant that enabled the undertaking of this project.

"The Newhouse School has reached a point at which it must expand to fulfill its mission," said Donald Newhouse, the son of the school's namesake. "The everchanging, ever-increasing forms of public communications that new technologies engender have greatly multiplied the areas of expertise needed by professionals."

Newhouse Dean David M. Rubin says the new building will reside opposite Newhouse I, where a parking lot, grassy area, and trees currently sit next to and below the Newhouse Plaza. The yet-to-be-selected architect will decide the size of the new building, which will be called Newhouse III, and will work in conjunction with Rubin and Newhouse faculty to determine spatial needs for the new building. Rubin says some programs that currently reside in the current Newhouse buildings will be moved to Newhouse III.

The new building will include the construction of an auditorium, student lounge, reading room, study area, and space for group meetings.

Two working newsrooms will also be added. The first will be used mainly by print journalists for a new Internet-based publication. The second, designed for broadcast news, will be used to produce a newscast for the university's new cabletelevision station on Time Warner cable.

The school's well-known Center for the Study of Popular Television, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, and several other existing programs will be moved to Newhouse III. It will also be home to two new centers one focusing on digital literacy, headed by the school's new Knight Chair in Political Reporting, and the second a Center for Convergence.

Newhouse I opened in 1964 and was designed by famed architect Ieoh Ming Pei. Newhouse II opened in 1974. According to Rubin, there is approximately 55,000 to 60,000 square feet of usable space in the two buildings.