Architect, Campaign Heads Named for Schine Student Center

The announcement yesterday of the selection of an architect for the Schine Student Center and the leaders of the national fund-raising campaign signaled two major steps forward for the $10 million project.

Edwards Larrabee Barnes Associates of New York City will design the center, which is to be built along the east side of University Avenue between Waverly Avenue and University Place.

State Senator Tarky Lombardi Jr. of Syracuse and Renee Schine Crown of Wilmette, III., will lead the national fund-raising effort among alumni, corporations, foundations and other friends of the University.

It was Mrs. Crown's $2.5 million gift last May, made on behalf of her family, that assured the construction of the student center.

Groundbreaking for the project is scheduled for spring 1984, with completion and opening set for fall 1985.

Barnes, architect for the new 43-story tower IBM building on Madison Avenue and the recently completed Asia Society building on Park Avenue, both in New York, has planned and executed dozens of other projects for commercial areas and industry, for educational and religious institutions, for the performing arts and museums, and for other major clients across the United States and in foreign countries.

New York magazine architecture critic Carter Wiseman, in a November 1981 article in Saturday Review, described Edward Larrabee Barnes as "architecture's master of the middle way."

Mr. Wiseman wrote, in part: "At a time when post-modernism's classical columns and pastel tones have modernism on the run, Barnes has adhered to a measured middle way, gradually but deliberately adapting modernist forms to changing times. Avoiding entertaining effects in his buildings, he concentrates on designs that ... will wear well—both functionally and aesthetically."

"What unifies and—on second glance—most distinguishes them is an attention to detail, a commitment to quality, a determination that they should do what they were meant to do," Mr. Wiseman wrote.

Barnes's work for educational institutions includes the campus plans for the State University of New York's Colleges at Potsdam and Purchase and the master plan for Yale University; classroom buildings at Potsdam, Purchase, Yale, and Duke, Drake and North Carolina State Universities; and the student activities building and the performing arts center at Purchase.

Barnes's commercial projects include the Neiman-Marcus Shopping Center in Fort Worth; office buildings in Boston, Kansas City, St. Louis, and New York; housing in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and in Sacramento, California; and museums and galleries in Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, New York, Wichita and Dallas.

Harvey H. Kaiser, SU vice president for facilities administration and a professional architect, praised Barnes's "extraordinary record of creating distinctive architecture. We are extremely pleased to engage Mr. Barnes for this project."

During the summer, about a dozen architecture firms, which have done projects for SU in the past or have worked with other educational institutions, were invited to submit written proposals for the Schine Student Center project.

Six firms were asked to make more extensive presentations here on campus for a committee headed by Chancellor Melvin A. Eggers and Dr. Kaiser.

Dr. Eggers and Dr. Kaiser then visited the sites of several projects that have been done by three of the firms, before choosing Edward Larrabee Barnes Associates.

In announcing the national fund-raising

SU, SSO Tune Up; CAFE Has Tickets

Half-price tickets for tomorrow evening's Syracuse Symphony Orchestra concert, and free bus service between campuses and the Civic Center downtown, have been
founders, who set out two decades ago to build an energetic creative writing department. "Syracuse was the source of exciting possibilities for new projects," says William Wasserstrom, a planning committee member during 1961. Wasserstrom, who later served as director of the program, joined committee members Donald Dike and Robert Durr to plot the program's course.

Dike, who became the program's first coordinator, had "an impulse to make the program both vital and solid," Wasserstrom recalls. Dike continued a tradition set by Leonard S. Brown, who had served earlier as an English department professor. Brown had battled convention to include in SU's literary curriculum works by avant-garde writers like James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence and to reintroduce literary criticism as a

Tarky Lombardi Jr.  
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campaign appointments, Chancellor Eggers said: "We are pleased that two people with a strong and close relationship to Syracuse University as Sen. Lombardi and Mrs. Crown are taking leadership roles in the campaign to bring to campus a building that has been greatly needed, and from which generations of future students will benefit."

Sen. Lombardi is a 1951 graduate of the College of Business Administration (now known as the School of Management) and a 1954 graduate of the College of Law. He has been a member of the SU board of trustees since 1976 and also serves on the College of Law board of visitors.

Mrs. Crown, a 1950 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts (now known as Arts and Sciences), has served on the board of trustees since 1975. She is also on the board of visitors for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Schine Student Center will be named in honor of Mrs. Crown's mother, Hildegarde, of Gloversville, N.Y., and her father, the late J. Myer Schine.

It is expected to bring together in a single building many of the student organizations and University offices that serve students and that are now scattered around campus. The center is expected to have dining, meeting and conference facilities and community space; offices for student organizations and student-managed services; some recreational facilities, and offices for several divisions of the administrative student affairs unit, including placement services, parents center, orientation programs, information center, programming for minority affairs and the international student office, and others.

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