

Boyer Slates SUNY Move

ALBANY (AP) — A railroad building of Flemish-Gothic architecture will be the new headquarters of the State University of New York administration, which is buying the well-known upstate structure for \$1.7 million.

Most SUNY offices now are concentrated in leased space in the modern Twin Towers building just northwest of the Capitol grounds.

The building, and Albany landmark, stands on the spot where Henrick Hudson was believed to have landed in his exploration of the river that bears his name. The structure was built in the early part of this century as a copy of the famous Cloth Guild Hall in Ypres, Belgium. It is constructed of reinforced concrete and steel with Gothic exterior detailing. The four-story building, at the foot of the State Capitol, has a 13-story central tower capped by a gilded weathervane depicting Hudson's ship, the "Half Moon."

In announcing the plan Friday, Chancellor Ernest L. Boyer of the State University said the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, the present occupants, have agreed to sell the building for \$1.7 million.

The interior will be rehabilitated, he said. Asked about the present condition of the interior, the chancellor said: "I wish there with a good synonym for 'mess.' "

He noted that the university long has had an appropriation from the state for \$10 million that could be used for the rehabilitation.

The university board of trustees was thinking about building a new headquarters before they looked into the possibility of purchasing the D & H Building, he said. As for the cost of acquisition and rehabilitation, he said, "We're not talking about much less money than building and not much more either."

However, the university administration expects to move into the D & H building in about two years where a wait of four or five years would have been required for a new structure. A small park in front of the building will be expanded and a dissecting street will be abandoned, a spokesman said.

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