

Access



FROM *the* DIRECTOR

Technology is hitting our Archives with the blunt force of a tidal wave. Technology of course has been a part of our lives, both personally and professionally, for many years. It's not that we haven't embraced technology here in Archives and Records Management; we've had a records database in place for twenty years. We all receive emails by the truckload daily. We scan images and create documents using word processing. It just seems that within the past year or two all the hopes we've had for digital solutions to our daily work are actually happening.

Let me throw out just a few software titles and acronyms to make my point: ETD, EAD, Collage, MarcEdit, CONTENTdm, OnBase, oXygen, SURface, Roxio, and Archivists' Toolkit. We're involved somehow with all of these and more. This is all very exciting and necessary as we attempt to provide better and easier access to the myriad of data we have stored. It would be nice though if technology moved just a tad slower allowing us the luxury of working on one project at a time, but that isn't proving to be possible. When the bandwagon passes by, you have to jump on board or worry about missing the boat completely (how's that for multi-clichés?).

So we are looking at moving our scanned images online at the same time we're working to get collections of publications digitized and into a full-text retrieval system. We're now using the standard of EAD for our collection finding aids while we are working on then getting them into the University's library catalog. We're involved with electronic dissertations, scanning the Syracuse Magazine, and in discussions about digitizing the student newspaper. And all this while we're prepping to move to a new Archives database.

With all this going on simultaneously, it is difficult to focus at times and especially to prioritize when the work involves other units on campus like IT or the Library. My colleague Meg Mason likes to refer to us needing to take 'baby steps,' but that's difficult for me as I'm more the 'plow ahead and panic later' kind of guy. Heck, I'm still trying to figure out how to use my iPad!

—Ed Galvin, *Director*



Mystery Photo

This is admittedly not a very exciting mystery photo, but it is very noticeable on campus. Check our web site, archives.syr.edu, to find out where it is and for more photos and information.

Archives Receives Grant from Delmas Foundation



Genesee Seminary and College buildings, Lima, NY [Archives Image 12-0315]

The University Archives is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation to arrange, describe and preserve its Genesee College and Genesee Wesleyan Seminary Collections. Syracuse University shares its Methodist-Episcopal roots with these two institutions, formerly in Lima, NY, and became the repository for their records after the closing of the College in 1875 and the Seminary in 1941. Dating between 1830 and 1940, the collections comprise 21 boxes and 50 packages of student registers and files; course catalogs, lectures and other printed materials; account books; scrapbooks, correspondence, photographs; and other historical materials.

The grant of \$10,000 will enable the Archives to employ a graduate student to process the collections, purchase archival quality storage containers, and to identify specific items that should be scanned for preservation purposes and improved access. Online databases and research tools will be produced, which will include histories of the two institutions, information on how the collections can be useful to researchers, and a detailed content listing for each box and folder. ARM Director Ed Galvin says, "This is a wonderful opportunity for us. Alumni and other friends continue to support our efforts, but it is something very special to have a prestigious organization such as the Delmas Foundation recognize our capabilities." With the assistance of the Delmas Foundation the Archives will also survey the documents and photographs in the collections to determine which should be scanned, added to the online collections, and made freely available to the public.

The records in these collections document early coeducational secondary and higher education in New York State. In their current unprocessed condition, they are not properly housed in acid-free containers and folders, and are not described to the folder or account book level. Therefore

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100 Years Ago in *The Syracuse Daily Orange*

THE SYRACUSE DAILY ORANGE
October 27, 1911

SENIOR CLASS DECIDES QUESTION OF MEMORIAL Will Erect Granite Bench on Campus

The Class of 1912 will leave as its memorial to the University a bench which will be placed on the campus between the Hall of Languages and the Administration Building. The report of Eldon Miller, chairman of the senior memorial committee, given at a meeting of the class yesterday afternoon, was accepted and it was voted to have the committee go ahead with its plans.

The ruling of the trustees of the University last June concerning class memorials, and which seemed to stand in the way of the action of the class, was adjusted on Tuesday by Chancellor Day and the class yesterday was free to take definite action upon the memorial suggested. The bench has met with the approval of the Chancellor, Donald Dey, the chairman of the campus improvement committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and of David Campbell, city park superintendent.



Gift of the class of 1912 [Archives Image 10-0062]

Mr. Campbell has assured the class his assistance in erecting the bench and when it has been placed will have it surrounded with shrubbery, making the spot one of the artistic ones on the campus. The class hopes this will be the start of many similar class memorials that will add to the beauty of the campus.

The bench will be constructed of imitation stone, similar to that used to build the campus entrance in front of the Hall of Languages. It will be eight or ten feet long, rather plain, but severe in outline. Very little ornamentation will be placed upon it and the class numerals will be inscribed on the back.

NOTE: For additional information on the bench and to find out why it has come to be known as the Kissing Bench visit archives.syr.edu/access/memory_test/2011_v10_n1.html and archives.syr.edu/exhibits/spirit_social.html

Exhibitions and Displays

Current Online Exhibition:
*Changing Women's Fashion:
A Look at Coeds' Clothing on
SU's Campus pre-1900 - 1950s*

The newest online exhibition features photographs of campus coeds wearing everything from Bermuda shorts to evening gowns. The images are supplemented by advertisements, articles, and cartoons from various campus publications. Highlighted are changes in fashion trends from the founding of the University (1870) to the close of the 1950s. These



Three co-eds show off their casual wear at Women's Day in 1929. Cloche hats and pleated skirts were fashion staples in the 1920s. [Archives Image 11-1398]

decades are some of the most iconic time periods of women's fashion and the women of SU were no strangers to style! View the exhibit online at archives.syr.edu/exhibits/fashion.html

Other Exhibition and Displays

Visit the Archives online exhibition pages at archives.syr.edu/exhibits/

Lubin House

January – July 2012
Scenes of Cottage Life from the Syracuse University Archives

July 2012 – January 2013
Manley Field House 50th Anniversary

Crouse-Hinds Hall
January – July 2012
Manley Field House 50th Anniversary

July 2012 – January 2013
The Quad thru the Years

Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center
January – April 2012
Commemorative Plates in the SU Archives

May – August 2012
May Queen Rainbow Court - 1948

Recent Additions

Since the previous newsletter Archives has received many new additions to its collections including:

- "Coming Home To Us: A Trilogy of Love, Loss, & Healing," a 2 CD-set by Pan Am 103 family member Helen Engelhardt
- Marching band information and photographs and other SU printed materials collected by the late Howard J. Schwendler '54
- Scrapbook of Betty Davison '39, donated by Lee Anne Geiger
- Historical files of the Office of Government and Community Relations
- Reproduction of 1928 SU campus map from Sue Fream
- Papers relating to Pan Am 103 victim Melina Hudson and family, donated by her father Paul Hudson
- 72 color slides (1954-1956) of Winter Carnival, Colgate Weekend, football, etc. from Chester Gino '56
- Faculty papers of James Powell (History), donated by his children Mary Lee and Michael Powell; and Richard Mundy (Social Work), donated by daughter Lisa Mundy
- Materials relating to Margaret Branche Harrington '94 ('38), donated by daughter Mary Ann Coleman
- Faculty Manuals from 1967 to 1988, from the University Senate Office
- Office of Gift Planning, Estate Files

Pan Am 103 Archivists Visit PA and NJ

This past fall, Pan Am 103 Archivist Ed Galvin and Assistant Archivist Cara Howe undertook a long overdue trip to visit victims' families in the Pennsylvania and New Jersey areas. These families all had materials to contribute to the Archives and needed the Archivists to assist them with determining what was appropriate to donate and how materials would be stored, and to transport the items back to Syracuse. So, a minivan was rented and the Archivists were off. After two days the Archives had added two new collections to its holdings: the Maslowski Family Papers and the Fortune Family Collection. Additional materials were added to both the Monetti Family Collection and the Schultz Family Collection.

Two of these collections (Fortune and Schultz) were immediately put to use in the exhibit "Set in Stone: Constructing the Arlington Memorial Cairn," which was displayed in the Noble Room of Hendricks Chapel for Remembrance Week in November. Meanwhile, Remembrance Scholars were able to use the materials in the Maslowski and Monetti donations to further their research in anticipation of other Remembrance Week events. The Pan Am 103 Archives would like to remind anyone interested that our website at archives.syr.edu/panam/giving provides information on donating materials. Please contact Cara Howe for additional assistance at cahowe@syr.edu or 315-443-0632.



Replica of Arlington Memorial Cairn, donated by Jane Schultz, similar to one housed in Clinton Presidential Library

The Cory Family Papers: Holdings in SU Archives and the Special Collections Research Center

Last year the Archives received a donation and a wonderful letter of thanks from the family of Pan Am 103 victim Scott M. Cory. Scott's father John Cory also had a request: could we give him any information on a letter he found in the papers of his late father, David Munroe Cory? The letter was from Howard L. Applegate, Administrator of Manuscripts at Syracuse University and dated December, 1966. Applegate explained that the Manuscripts Collection was sponsoring a program to make the papers and manuscripts of prominent Americans like David Magie Cory (grandfather of John), who had a distinguished career in children's literature, available to scholars. The letter requests that the Cory family consider donating David Cory's papers to Syracuse University. John's question was, had they? If they had, more material could be forthcoming. The Archives was happy to discover a finding aid for the David Cory Collection available on the web site for the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) at library.syr.edu/digital/guides/c/cory_d.htm. SCRC and John Cory were informed of the connection and additional materials were added to the David Cory Collection.

Archives Moves to EAD!

The Archives has begun converting its online finding aids to Encoded Archival Description (EAD). EAD is a standard for encoding a finding aid for presentation on a web site. A finding aid is a guide for an archival collection; it provides a description of what is in the collection and how it is organized. EAD standardizes this information and how it's presented in a finding aid. This way, once converted to EAD, all of the SU Archives finding aids will present collection information in a consistent and more useful way. Many other archives and special collections across the country (including SU Library's Special Collections Research Center) use EAD, and the SU Archives staff is excited to join this community.

Assistant Archivist Meg Mason has been making slow but steady progress in her mission to convert all the current online SU Archives finding aids to EAD. Currently, twenty finding aids may now be viewed in EAD form on our web site, including:

Ivan Meštrović Collection (archives.syr.edu/collections/faculty/sua_mestrovic_i.htm)

Papers of DeWitt Mackenzie, Class of 1907 (archives.syr.edu/collections/alumni/sua_mackenzie_d.htm)

The William C. Fleming Papers (archives.syr.edu/collections/faculty/sua_fleming_wc.htm) were converted to EAD last summer by graduate intern Jackie Allred. An EAD internship

at the SU Archives is a great opportunity for our iSchool students, since many archival repositories are increasingly expecting their staff to have EAD experience.

As Pan Am Flight 103 Assistant Archivist Cara Howe

processes her collections, she has been creating EAD finding aids as well. All of the materials categorized under "Other Collections" are presented in EAD on the new Pan Am web site (archives.syr.edu/panam/other_collections/). Some of these finding aids contain links to digital images of documents for greater access. The Pan Am 103 Audiovisual and Publications collections also have EAD finding aids, though no digital content is presented at this time.

A Cataloging Partnership

Very recently the University Archives and the SU Library embarked on a new partnership. Librarian Sarah Theimer is

assisting us in getting some of our collections into the Library's online catalog (found at library.syr.edu). We use an open-source software called MarcEdit to pull information from our EAD finding aids and create MARC (machine-readable cataloging) records. We send those records to Sarah, who tweaks them and then loads them to the Library's online catalog. We're thrilled because this is one more way researchers in the SU community and beyond can find our collections.



EAD finding aid for the Ivan Meštrović Collection

Archbold Family Papers

iSchool graduate student Erin Lee has been working in the University Archives since September. She has been processing and creating EAD finding aids for collections, including the John D. Archbold Family Papers. Here is her experience in her own words:

John D. Archbold was a Standard Oil Company director, an associate of the Rockefellers and a staunch supporter of Syracuse University as trustee and benefactor. According to a University memorial statement, he "gave the University the benefit of his rare sagacity, his sound judgment and wide experience of affairs. He was a trusted counselor, a true and constant friend." Archbold had a close friendship with Chancellor James Roscoe Day. In 1886 Archbold joined the Syracuse University Board of Trustees and eventually

became Chair. During this time, he financially supported the University by funding building projects such as Archbold Stadium and Sims Hall.

The Archives already held the John D. Archbold Papers when in 2011 his descendants made a donation of his wife and son's correspondence. These were added to the existing papers, which became the Archbold Family Papers.

The Archbold Family Papers predominantly feature John D. Archbold's correspondence and other materials on subjects such as Syracuse University and the Standard



University benefactor John Dustin Archbold [Archives Image 10-0010]

Oil Co. The new addition to the collection has been incorporated and gives insight into the relationship between the Archbold family and the University after Archbold's death.

Interestingly, Archbold was quite the poet and some of his and his friends' verses are included in the papers. These papers help shed light on Archbold and his contribution to the University, without which it would not be the same today.

The papers have been processed and an EAD finding aid placed on the Archives website (archives.syr.edu/collections/trustee/sua_archbold_jd.htmw).

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they are difficult to use and most of the potentially valuable information in the records is inaccessible to researchers. The University Archives has maintained records on the use of these collections for the past 40 years. Primary use has been by family historians tracing their heritage, but with the processing and wider availability of the records there will undoubtedly be further uses made by historians, specifically those researching the development of education in 19th and early 20th century United States. Galvin states that the ultimate goal is to "make these two collections available to scholarly researchers and the general public."

Among the thousands of Central and Western New Yorkers who attended these institutions were famous alumni Belva Ann Lockwood, the first woman to argue a case before the US Supreme Court and presidential candidate in 1884 for the suffragist Equal Rights Party; and Harvey Jarvis Raymond founder of the New York Times, who was also instrumental in the creation of the Republican Party. Among the outstanding faculty was Frances Willard, suffragist and founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The Archives is set to begin working on the collections later this spring and expects to have them processed by the close of the summer. This is a tremendous opportunity for us and will be a great boon to the history of education in the State.

Building Our History: Chancellor's Residence 300 Comstock Avenue

Completed in 1902 by William and Eloise Holden Nottingham, both SU alumni and trustees, 300 Comstock Avenue was acquired by the University for use as the Chancellor's residence in 1915. A local news report proclaimed the edifice, with its gabled roof and leaded glass windows, "a habitation worthy of the institution (SU) itself." Over 9,000 square feet in size and containing more than 20 rooms, the home's interior featured oak and walnut paneling and carved woodworking. Originally built facing fashionable Walnut Park, the main entrance was moved to its current location on Comstock Avenue in the late 1980s.

Prior to 1915, the Chancellor resided at 604 University Avenue, but a monetary donation from John D. Archbold enabled the University to obtain the current property. As part of the transaction the former residence, which no longer stands, was transferred to the Nottinghams.

The Archives maintains a listing of SU buildings, past and present, on our website at archives.syr.edu/buildings/. We are currently updating and expanding the information offered.



Chancellor's Residence ca.1917. Note staircase in original Harrison Street wall [Archives Image 09-0545]

Archives Adds Even More Memorabilia to its Collections

The SU Archives averages about 200 new accessions annually. Many of these are of scholarly interest or document the inner workings of SU's departments, schools and colleges. Every once in a while, however, some special and unique materials find their way to us. The past few months have continued to be especially rich with historical items and memorabilia that we thought you'd enjoy hearing about. As always we thank the donors who keep the Archives fresh and the past alive.

SU's Mascot Comes Home to the Archives

In late January, the Archives was delighted to receive three retired Otto the Orange mascot costumes from SU Athletics. Recently the look of the University's mascot was updated, so



Archives student workers vacuuming one of the Otto costumes

the Archives is now happy to preserve these older versions. Two of the costumes date before 2005, and the third was used between 2005 and 2011.

The Otto mascot costumes are big and plush and arrived in a giant box. They are generally in good condition, though a little worn in places—and, yes, they also have a bit of that funky unwashed-for-years-mascot odor! We received lots of unsolicited advice--from sending them to the dry cleaners to spraying them with a deodorizing spray--but none seemed



A smiling Otto in his new home in the SU Archives

archival, and we didn't want to harm the fabric. So we consulted the staff members who care for the Sue Ann Genet Costume Collection over at VPA, and they recommended we hang the costumes and simply let them air out for at least a month. They also suggested we tape mesh screen over a vacuum

nozzle and vacuum the Ottos (the screen helps protect the fabric). Soon Archives' graduate student employee Erin Lee and undergraduate student employee Kendra Okereke found themselves vacuuming all three Ottos. It did seem to fluff them up a bit. The Otto costumes are now propped up and "airing out" in the Archives' workspace and stack area. We're hoping that freshens them up a bit more!

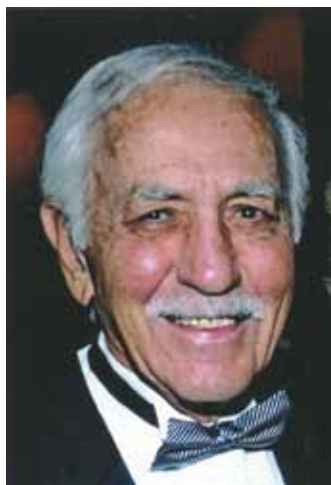
And More on the 1959 Championship Football Team

In 2010 Archives was contacted by Edward J. Gschwender, Jr. G'75, who offered to donate SU memorabilia that belonged to his father, Edward Sr. According to Ed, his father was an avid SU sports fan, and had also grown up with Vic Hanson '27, SU All-American in basketball and football. Gschwender and Hanson had played together on the Syracuse Seymours which won the basketball championship in 1920.



1920 Syracuse Seymours – Gschwender (2nd from left, rear), Hanson (center front holding ball).

Hanson gave the Gschwenders a signed team photo and a football signed by the members of the championship 1959 football team and that had been used in the winning Cotton Bowl game in 1960. Getting the material from its home in Lakeland, Florida to Syracuse was a bit of a challenge, but with the help of Craig Evans, one of our friends in Advancement and External Affairs, these important pieces of SU's athletic history are now safely in the Archives.

Donor Profile:**Donald M. Weill '51**

Donald Weill '51 [Archives Image 12-0338]

Donald M. Weill graduated from SU in 1951 with a degree in Political Science, was editor of the *Daily Orange* in his junior year, and was responsible for the establishment of the Saltine Warrior statue which was the Class of 1951's gift to the University. In later years he had a stellar career in real estate management in New York City. Also important though, Don is a poet, having published a book of poetry *The Older I Get...Light Verse From a Senior Perspective*. A copy of that book found its way to the University Archives in 2005 and led to what Rick Blaine in Casablanca would have called "a beautiful friendship!"

Back in 2006 this newsletter carried an article about Don's generosity. He had named the University Archives in a charitable gift annuity that he established; the gift annuity allowed Don to support his University's Archives and receive a lifetime stream of income. At the time he wrote, "One of my early poems, 'Remember Babylonia,' contains the line, 'Every generation builds upon the wisdom of the past.' I believe the Archives does exactly that and I welcome the opportunity to support this important work."

Over the past six years Don and his wife Elaine have become consistent generous benefactors of the Archives. Their annual gifts help us to hire student workers and purchase needed archival supplies and equipment. Without support from alumni like them, Archives would not be able to accomplish all that we do.

Gifts and Donations

The Archives benefits from the generosity of the Syracuse University community. Donations of documents, scrapbooks, photographs, and memorabilia that help to tell the story of the University, its students, faculty, and staff are always welcome. If you have materials to donate, please contact the University Archivist, Ed Galvin, at 315-443-9760 or at elgalvin@syr.edu.

In addition, funding opportunities exist that help the Archives with its efforts to process and preserve the history of SU. To discuss ways to financially support the Archives contact Michael Mattson, Executive Director, Office of Gift Planning, at 315-443-4414 or at mlmattso@syr.edu