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New Era for Remembrance

ONE DECADE AFTER FLIGHT 103, SU FOCUSES ON ENDOWING THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This December marks the 10th year since the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 claimed the lives of 35 Syracuse University students returning home from abroad. As a result of that disaster, the University memorialized those who died by creating Remembrance Scholarships. Given annually to 35 outstanding students to support their senior year of study, the scholarships are the University's most prestigious academic honor.

The University is launching a \$5 million fund-raising initiative to endow Remembrance Scholarships, ensuring their continuance in perpetuity. To collect a \$500,000 challenge grant from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation, the University must raise \$3 million of that goal by June 30, 2000, the end of the Commitment to Learning campaign.

"No one can take the place of those who were lost," says Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw. "But through this scholarship, the names of these 35 students are preserved; and just as they were people of hope and service, so are the Remembrance Scholars we name each year. Higher education is rooted in the idea that we learn from the past to construct a better future. These scholarships are an outgrowth of that principle."

Remembrance Scholars represent the diverse strengths of Syracuse students. Not only must they be strong in academics, but they must have contributed to the University community and the greater Syracuse community, according to Judith O'Rourke '75, administrative specialist to the vice president for undergraduate studies and member of the Remembrance Scholarship Selection Committee.

"The students we lost—all of whom were in the Division of International Programs Abroad—were not just having fun overseas, and not just gaining academically," says O'Rourke. "They were learning to have an impact on the world."

As the University seeks to build the endowment fund—which already contains money from the Dr. Scholl Foundation and various individuals—it is looking for support from alumni, friends, corporations, and foundations committed to the ideals behind the scholarships.

Susan Willner '82 didn't know any of the students who lost their lives—but she studied at the University's London Program during



The Place of Remembrance, shortly after its dedication in 1990. A memorial wall, listing the names of those lost in the downing of Pan Am Flight 103, semi-encloses the space in front of the Hall of Languages.

her junior year, and had returned from another trip to London on the same flight only a few days before the bombing. Willner has given annually to Remembrance Scholarships.

"I know the feeling of why those students had gone abroad, what they had learned, the fun they had, and the feeling of waiting to share it with your family," says Willner. "I valued my time in that program. I want to honor those students and encourage more people to go."

To learn more about Remembrance Scholarships, contact Judith O'Rourke, 304 Tolley Administration Building, Syracuse, New York 13244-1100; 315-443-1899, jlourourke@syr.edu, or Jon Denison, Senior Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations, 100 Women's Building, 820 Comstock Ave., Syracuse, New York 13244-5040; 315-443-5466, jddeniso@syr.edu.

MAJOR GIFTS SERVE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS

A bequest and gift in memory of a beloved relative recently boosted the ability of the College for Human Development to serve its students.

Together with other monies, Dean Susan Crockett used a bequest by Anna Fisher Rush '43 to start the Endowment for Student Learning, one of the college's priorities in the Commitment to Learning campaign.

Rush, who died in New Jersey in 1997, worked for many years as an editor for *McCall's* magazine, where she started in 1943. Rush was well known in her field, and in 1981 received the dean's citation from Human Development's then-dean Jane Lillestol.

"She was a grand lady and a leader in her profession," says Dean Crockett. "She was proud of her role in teaching others, and we have used her bequest accordingly. The proceeds of the endowment will be used to enhance the student learning experience through field trips, student research, special projects, and travel."

The other major gift to the college is from Constance Willoughby Benoliel '53 for the Willis E. Schroeder Endowed Scholarship. A civic leader and philanthropist, Benoliel came to Syracuse on a scholarship and wants someone else with



Scholarship donor Constance Benoliel '53, right, with Human Development's Karen Bakke, chair of the Department of Environmental Arts, Consumer Studies and Retailing.

excellent academic credentials but meager resources to have the same opportunity.

Benoliel named the scholarship for her aunt "Billie," who died in 1997 and "was a great influence in my life, a great friend whose sense of humor and personal companionship gave me much joy and happiness." Director of a fashion design shop on 7th Avenue in New York, her aunt "taught me how to walk correctly and project so I could get modeling jobs in the summers during college."

Benoliel has served on the college's advisory board and has been a longtime donor to the college and the University. She remembers Syracuse as the place and time that "gave me confidence in myself and opened up whole new vistas."

SOUNDS LIKE SUPPORT

Listen up!

The Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive—located in the flat-roofed building just east of Bird Library—recently received a \$270,000 grant from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation. The funds will enable Belfer to catalog and provide World Wide Web access to its 180,000 pre-LP discs (dating from 1895 to 1950) and 22,000 cylinder recordings (dating from 1895 to 1929).

In addition, a select group of Belfer's cataloged records will be linked to corresponding digital sound and label/sleeve image files; by clicking on these options, web users will get a much fuller sense of the context and content of the recordings in question. Patrons can access this material through SUMMIT, the SU Library's public access catalog.

Eventually, more of Belfer's collection will be included in the Belfer database, which is designed to dovetail with recording cataloging efforts also under way at the U.S. Library of Congress and the National Library of Canada.

"A century's worth of untapped social, cultural, artistic, and historical riches can be mined here," says Belfer curator Susan Stinson.

You can visit the Belfer site at: <http://libwww.syr.edu/aboutsul/depts/belfer/main.htm>

SHINING EXAMPLES AT SCHINE

Thousands of people give to Syracuse University in amounts large and small. They give to support the institution, one of its colleges, a department, a program, faculty, or students. The University lets them know its gratitude for the gift.

But when they give an entire scholarship, donors receive more than institutional thanks: They hear from a student. For the fourth year in a row, Syracuse enhanced this vital connection with its Donor-Scholar Recognition Luncheon, bringing together donors who've given named scholarships and the students whose academic careers those scholarships make possible.

More than 100 named scholarship donors and 300 student recipients, along with trustees, staff, and deans attended the March luncheon in the Schine Center's Goldstein Auditorium.

"We've created something here that goes to the heart of Syracuse University," says Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw. "For an education to have lasting value it requires a personal commitment, a commitment on the part of the institution, the faculty, the students who enter our classrooms, labs, and libraries, and the alumni and friends who support us. Syracuse University thrives because people do make such commitments."

In addition to Chancellor Shaw, speakers at this year's luncheon were: faculty representative Rosaria Champagne, professor of English and women's studies; donor representatives Doris Brewster Fiaccone '40 and Hubert "Joe" Fiaccone '41, founders of the Brewster-Fiaccone Endowed Scholarship; and student representative Kristin Conte, a Class of '98 public relations major from Queens and a recipient of the S.I. Newhouse Scholarship.

Said Champagne in her address: "While the Chancellor has given us our charge, you, our donors, have given us our means—for we cannot make student-learning our most important practice without you. You make it possible for me to do my job."



Donor Frank Schantz '31, lower right, with friend Ellen MacClurg '33, lower left, and standing, Kevin Theis '98, left, Christina Fessner '99, and Tyler Mayer '98. Theis and Fessner are recipients of the Catherine and Frank Schantz Endowed Scholarship; Mayer is a recipient of the Schantz Family Athletic Scholarship.



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BUILDING BLOCKS

Thanks to one visionary professor and some enterprising businessmen, the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science has established the Geofoam Research Center, the first U.S. center to study the properties of geofoam.

Geofoam?

In short, it's the same material used in the production of polystyrene cups and packaging, only it's molded into blocks and sheets for use as lightweight fill at construction sites and as insulation for roads, runways, and building foundations.

Here in Syracuse, the Carousel Center sits ringed by buried blocks of geofoam to offset the lateral stresses on the building's foundation. Through that project, Dawit Negussey, professor in the College of Engineering's Division of Mechanical, Civil, and Chemical Systems, first studied geofoam in 1989.

The results of his subsequent research into the properties and alternative applications of geofoam have been a vital resource for designers and builders throughout the United States and internationally. His presence at Syracuse drew the attention of geofoam manufacturers—Insulation Corporation of America (Pennsylvania), Georgia Foam (Georgia), and Mid-Atlantic Foam (Virginia)—who've given \$500,000 in start-up funds for the new center.

"Our firm did not initially understand what we had to do to supply this material," says William Dean, president of Insulation Corporation of America. Dean's company was hired to supply geofoam for the construction of the gigantic new Palisades Center mall in West Nyack, New York. "We knew Professor Negussey had been studying geofoam, so we solicited his help. I realized what a bonus it was to have his insight, and I learned of his dream to have a research institute to study geofoam and expand its applications."



STEVE SARTORI

Able to support large structures with lightweight blocks, it's geofoam! Here, graduate student Michael Sheeley balances a block behind Professor Dawit Negussey.

Dean contacted his friend Randall Pinson, general manager of Georgia Foam and Mid-Atlantic Foam, and the two decided to work together to support Negussey's research.

"The potential for this product is huge," says Pinson. "This is going to be a significant product for the whole block molder industry."

Nigussey says establishment of the new center at SU represents both the optimism of the manufacturing community for the future of geofoam and the University's commitment to innovative research.

Says Dean Edward A. Bogucz Jr.: "This is a fantastic opportunity for our students and faculty."

A GIFT FOR HEALING

One of the latest campaign gifts is providing a direct service to students with an urgent need. James Miller's major gift to the R.A.P.E. Center has enabled director Dolores Card to hire a full-time professional counselor. The center (its name is an acronym for Rape: Advocacy, Prevention, and Education) was founded in 1989.

"It was very needed," says Card, who worked as a counselor and program director at the city of Syracuse's Rape Crisis Center before coming to SU in 1996. "Our cases here have risen since I've arrived. There were 30 rape and sexual assault cases reported to us my first year. Last year, there were 58."

Card believes the center's on-campus education campaign promoting its services has led to the increase in assault reports.

"Students who've been sexually assaulted need crisis intervention to get them through the initial trauma," says Card. "But then they need ongoing counseling; it's essential for recovery. Especially for college-aged people, who have so much other stuff going on in their lives, they need someone to help them through that difficult period and empower them with the skills to be able to complete their life plans."

The \$125,000 gift, says Card, was "a complete surprise."

Miller, a 1963 Arts and Sciences graduate and president of Worldwide Theatrical Business Operations for Warner Bros. Inc., stepped forward with this support because "I have a daughter, so naturally I think about issues like these.

"I was looking for something specific to support," says Miller. "This is an important issue, and Chancellor Shaw started dealing with it almost from the time he first came to campus. Violence and date rape—these are important issues, especially for young people, and we need to educate both males and females. This is a necessary facility to have on campus."

GAINING SPEED ON THE INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

Professor Murali Venkatesh and the graduate students who work with him at the Center for Active Learning (CAL) have ambitious plans. With continuing corporate support and the encouragement of School of Information Studies Dean Raymond von Dran, those plans are being realized.

CAL, housed in the Center for Science and Technology, links students to a wide array of nonprofit organizations in the Syracuse area. The vision for the center began in 1991 in a class Venkatesh taught. Students earned one-third of their grade through community service, providing information technology consulting services—in teams—to community organizations.

In 1997, funds and support from Bell Atlantic (formerly NYNEX), Xerox, and Cigna created CAL, a means for more students to participate in community-centered projects—nearly 200 were involved in the spring semester alone—and for Venkatesh to expand the vision's scope.

"Cigna and other companies are committed to giving us 1,000 computers," says

Venkatesh. "Through our Computer Reuse (CORE) program, students are performing diagnostic and inventory operations on those computers, then giving information to our clients about how to use the hardware, what upgrades are needed, using the hardware in the network. Students are performing a value-added service. The project goal is '1000 (computers distributed) by 2000.'"

Computer technology is more vital than ever in the nonprofit sector, as Syracuse organizations are being linked electronically through a program called MetroNet. MetroNet, established through a fund administered by New York State, aims at giving technological access to people otherwise cut off from the flow of electronic information. CAL planned and designed the MetroNet technology infrastructure in consultation with Bell Atlantic.

"Our corporate donors could give this money directly to community agencies,"



School of Information Studies professor Murali Venkatesh, founder-director of the Center for Active Learning (CAL), is flanked by Ron Hart, left, systems administrator for Project CORE and administrator of CAL's Business Applications Experimental Lab, and Wayne Miner, right, CAL's special projects development manager. Both Hart and Miner are IST graduate students.

says Venkatesh. "But by giving to CAL, they benefit the student community and the nonprofit community. The more they give to us, the more we can do, and we're helping transform Syracuse."

COLLEGE OF LAW RAISES THE BAR

A good courtroom lawyer is always prepared, never surprised.

Surprise! The College of Law surpassed its campaign fund-raising goal more than two years ahead of schedule. With the addition of an \$850,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation, campaign gifts and pledges climbed past the original goal of \$7.5 million.

During the remaining years of the campaign, Dean Daan Braveman hopes to bring in more money to support scholarships and the school's academic programs.

"We never dreamed we would reach our initial goal so quickly," Braveman says. "Our success shows that we deserve the kind of investment Kresge made and that our alumni support the aims of this college."

The success was made possible in large part by supporters whose gifts and pledges are naming the College of Law's new addition, Winifred MacNaughton Hall, and its spaces, and new scholarships. In addition to the Kresge gift, major gifts of \$50,000 and more have come from:

Family of Donald S. '39, G'48 & Winifred MacNaughton, *Building*

H. Douglas G'61 and Sara Barclay, *Classroom*

W. Carroll Coyne '54, G'57, *Classroom*

Joseph O. '53, G'55 and Shawn Lampe, *Dining Hall, Moot Court Room, and Scholarship*

Bond, Schoeneck & King, *Courtroom*

Estate of Geraldine Doyle Koch '25, *Courtyard*

Robert N. Endries G'65, *Classroom*

Tracy Ferguson '31, *Seminar Room*

Family of Robert G'24 and Carolyn Bareham G'32 Dineen, *Scholarship*

Bernard '53, G'55 and Carol '53 Kossar, *Classroom and Scholarship*

Joshua H. G'69 and Pamela '91 Heintz, *Seminar Room and Scholarship*

William J. '65, G'68 and Joan '67, G'68 Brodsky, *Reading Room and Scholarship*

Edward S. Green '47, G'60 with Green & Seifter, PC, *Classroom*

Benjamin Ferrara G'73, *Scholarship*

Peter H. Heerwagen, G'72, *Scholarship*

CARING AND SHARING

As of this spring, the Our Time Has Come campaign for scholarships benefiting African American and Latino undergraduates is halfway to its fund-raising goal. The plan at the start of the campaign's second phase was to lift endowment from \$1 million to \$3.2 million. More than \$1.1 million new endowment dollars have been pledged.

"The key to our success has been our diverse support," says Larry Martin, executive director of the Office of Program Development, which manages the scholarships. "Substantial gifts from both inside and outside the African American and Latino constituencies say to us that these scholarships mean a great deal to a broad range of alumni."

This next academic year, the scholarship fund will give out more than \$100,000 to talented and needy students—all thanks to the strengthened endowment.

To receive a free copy of *Commitments*, Syracuse University's newsletter about the Commitment to Learning campaign, please write or call Cheri Johnson at 820 Comstock Avenue, Room 100, Syracuse, NY 13244-5040. Telephone: 315-443-2865. Those interested in making a gift should contact Sid Micek, vice president for development and director of the campaign, at the same address and phone number.