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– University at Albany Interim President
George M. Philip, B.A.'69, M.A.'73

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Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

Giving Back

For more than 50 years, Roberta Dosh Lower, B.S.'60, and her husband, Marty, did everything together. That included supporting the universities from which they graduated.

The couple met in eighth grade and married right after they graduated from college. Roberta, who had majored in business and minored in English, "never taught," according to Marty, but "used the skills she had acquired at the University" in her work as a church secretary. The Lowers, residents of Naples, Fla., and Wilbraham, Mass., raised four daughters and had 11 grandchildren – their "pride and joy." They were married for 47 years before Roberta's passing last December.

Over the years, Roberta remained connected with the University through gifts to the UAlbany Fund. "I've been very active with my college," said Marty, a Dartmouth graduate, "and she felt that Albany deserved as much as Dartmouth did."

A \$100,000 annuity from the couple established the *Roberta Dosh Lower '60 Scholarship Endowment*. "We felt we needed to give back to the academic institutions that provided us a good start and a good life," Marty explained.



Supporting a Worthy Effort



E. Stewart Jones (right) speaks with Interim President George Philip.

Albany attorney E. Stewart Jones is inviting others to join him in an important battle: the fight against cancer.

Last spring, Jones contributed \$150,000 to the University at Albany's cancer research efforts. At a ceremony in May announcing the gift, he encouraged the guests present at the Cancer Research Center to urge "friends, families and communities"

to "participate with us, at any level ... to assure that the scientists here will have the resources they need to do the brilliant work that they are capable of, and enable them to do it quickly and effectively."

A laboratory will be named to recognize Jones' generous gift to the Cancer Center Research Endowment. The center's Wall of Memory and Hope also includes a plaque in memory of his late wife, Penny.

To date, more than 1,000 individual donors have contributed a total of \$1.07 million to cancer research at the University. Other recent donations supporting cancer research included \$30,000 from The Dominic Ferraioli Foundation, \$10,000 from The Community Foundation for the Capital Region's Bender Scientific Fund, and \$1,000 from the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce. Individual gifts included \$2,500 from Paul Vesely '81 and \$1,000 each from Scott Tenenbaum and Thomas Begley '93, '00, researchers at the center; and Ifigenia Aliferis Boulogiane '53; Marianne Adams '45, '46; Mattia and Deirdre Clarke; and Warren Greshes '72.

Scholarship Will Benefit Future Teachers



When Jeannette Biggs, B.A.'48, interviewed for a teaching position with Herricks Junior High School in New Hyde Park, N.Y., in 1950, she got the job. She also met Magill Shipman – her future husband.

The young colleagues courted for more than six years before marrying in 1957. Jeannette taught junior-high and high-school English and developed a popular half-year course for 11th graders. *The Literature of Becoming*, which focused on the writings of people who had triumphed over war, physical disabilities, abusive upbringings and other hardships, “stood the test of time,” her husband says, and is “still in existence.” Magill taught for eight years, then became a guidance counselor, an assistant principal, then a principal. The couple retired in 1979.

The Shipmans, who had driven 15,000 miles across the U.S. over a five-week period in 1963 – “it was a beautiful trip,” says Magill – continued to enjoy traveling in retirement. “We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in Norway. We also went to Switzerland and Austria, Hawaii and the Canadian Rockies.” For their final foreign trip, they visited the British Isles, the Southbury, Conn., resident remembers.

After Jeannette succumbed to Alzheimer’s disease two years ago, Magill, now 84, decided to designate the proceeds of a tax-sheltered annuity that had belonged to his wife and establish a scholarship fund in her name at UAlbany. The *Jeannette Biggs Shipman Scholarship* will benefit “students who are going into the field of education” at any level.

“I’m leaving all of our assets to education. That’s where both of us spent 30 years of our lives,” adds Magill, who earned a bachelor’s degree at SUNY Potsdam and two master’s degrees at Hofstra.

Lending Five Quad a Helping Hand

For 35 years, the volunteers of Five Quad, UAlbany’s student-run ambulance service, have responded quickly to calls for help. Last spring, graduating seniors gave Five Quad an assist – by designating their class gift toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

In all, 484 members of the Class of 2008 made gifts and pledges totaling more than \$16,300. The total will also include \$1,000 each from UAlbany Interim President George Philip, B.A.’69, M.A.’73; University at Albany Foundation President George R. Hearst III; and Vice President for Development Fardin Sanai. Philip, Hearst and Sanai had pledged that amount as a challenge, provided that more than 300 students participated in the fundraising effort.

Five Quad, which is New York State certified, operates at the University, and in adjoining areas of Albany and Guilderland.



Five Quad President Ryan Jankow, Director of Operations Marc Scholer and Board Chair John Soychak, all members of the Class of 2009, pose with the new ambulance delivered Aug. 13.

To support Five Quad through the Class of 2008 Senior Gift, visit our Web site at www.albany.edu/giving/senior.htm.