

Gifts at Work

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Harold Gould Donates Papers to University Libraries

Veteran actor Harold Gould B.A.'47, who has delighted two generations of television, movie and theatre audiences, has donated his papers to the University at Albany.

Housed in the Science Library's M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, the Gould Collection includes 10,000 scripts, letters, photos, news clippings and interviews that document the popular actor's career since its beginnings in the early 1960s. Also included are examinations Gould took while earning his undergraduate degree at the New York State College for Teachers, now UAlbany.

Gould is well known for his work on television series ("Rhoda," "The Golden Girls"), in films ("The Sting," "Freaky Friday") and on the stage ("The House of Blue Leaves," "Freud," "Incommunicado"). In 2005-06, he appeared in 13 U.S. cities in the highly acclaimed play "Tuesdays with Morrie," based on the best-selling book by Mitch Albom. Currently, Gould is touring in the comedy "Viagara Falls."



Actor Harold Gould shines in one of his favorite roles: UAlbany donor. The popular performer presented his collection of papers to the University in June.

Biodiversity Program Benefits from Alumni, Faculty Support

More financial support will be available soon for students enrolled in UAlbany's Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy Program, thanks to the generosity of several donors, including the late alumna whose initial gift established the course of study in 1996.

A bequest from Harriet Dyer Adams, M.L.S.'60, and gifts and estate commitments from Helga Karker, M.S.'75; Anna May Lee, B.S.'65, M.S.'66; the late Edward L. Osborn, B.A.'31; and the late Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita of Biology Margaret Stewart, make available to the program an additional \$1.1 million to fund scholarships and student research.

Adams, who died in 2005, founded the *Charles C. Adams and Harriet Dyer Adams Biodiversity, Conservation and Public Policy Fund* more than a decade ago to honor her late father, a pioneer in the field of ecology. Stewart, a beloved UAlbany faculty member for more than 40 years, returned to the University after her retirement in 1997 to help develop the program. She passed away last year. Osborn, a retired school administrator who died in 1993, established an endowment to support student environmental field study.

Lee's bequest will establish the *Lee Family Biodiversity Endowment* and recognize her mother, Suey Lon Lee. Karker, who spent 33 years as a teacher and school psychologist before retiring in 1988, designated the proceeds of her gift annuity to a scholarship fund she established for students in the Biodiversity, Conservation and Policy Program.

Getty Foundation to Help Preserve Uptown Campus

A \$180,000 grant from the Getty Foundation's Campus Heritage Initiative will fund the University's development of a long-term plan to preserve and enhance the uptown campus.

Designed in the early 1960s by renowned architect Edward Durell Stone, the campus is a striking example of global modernist architecture. Its towers, domes, fountains and colonnades are all Stone hallmarks.

The Getty Foundation has provided support for preservation planning to 86 colleges and universities since the Campus Heritage Initiative began in 2002. In 2007, the final year of the program, the foundation made more than \$2 million available to a total of 15 institutions. Other schools receiving the grants included Miami University (Ohio); the University of California, San Diego; and the University of Hawaii.

Class of '07 Senior Gift Will Update Dippikill

Forty-one Class of 2007 members and several parents gave their favorite Adirondack retreat, Dippikill, a gift last spring: \$13,000 to be used to upgrade the getaway while preserving its rustic beauty.

Purchased in 1956 by the Student Association, Dippikill – the name, from the Dutch, means “small stream” – is located on 850 acres in Thurman, N.Y., and is the largest student-owned retreat in the nation. Its cabins are available for overnight visits by students, alumni, faculty and staff. Many UAlbany graduates reserve space at Dippikill each year for informal reunions.

The funds collected through the senior class's Dippikill Fundraising Initiative will partially support construction of the new Garnet Lodge, which will become the first 100-percent federally certified “green” building in the State University of New York system.



Vice President for Student Success James Anderson (left) accepts a check representing the proceeds of the senior class gift from Student Association President Nick Chiuchiolo.



Paying It Forward

Freshmen dining at Indian Quad in late April were treated to the usual fare of salads, entrées, desserts and beverages. For a couple of evenings, however, there was something new on the menu: \$2 bills donated by the late Morris “Marty” Silverman, a well-known philanthropist and UAlbany benefactor.

Silverman, who passed away in January 2006 at age 93, used to distribute \$2 bills labeled on the reverse with his personal motto: “If it is to be, it is up to me!” He included the University in that custom, as well, as a means of encouraging students to help others.

Unfamiliar with the currency, many of the freshmen examined it carefully. The students held the bills up to the light, stroked them – and even sniffed at them to gauge their authenticity.

“I guess [the bill] is supposed to be a symbol of starting something from nothing,” mused Kim Moonan of Trumbull, Conn. “It was nice of him [Silverman] to donate these to students,” added her friend, Rina Rotunno, who hails from Yorktown, N.Y.

Michael Zucker was impressed. “It’s cool, because who has \$2 bills anymore?” the New City, N.Y., native asked. “How did he get so many?”

Travis Weir of Long Island posed another question. “Do they have any \$100 bills?” he inquired hopefully.



Freshmen Jennifer Jasmia and Nkechi Amadi display the \$2 bills they received last April. The currency is imprinted on the reverse with the personal motto of the late philanthropist Marty Silverman: “If it is to be, it is up to me!”