



Handel Center Update

The Mort and Irma Handel Performing Arts Center for collegiate and Community Division students at The Hartt School is on budget and on time to open for the fall 2008 semester. The 55,000-square-foot building at the corner of Albany Avenue and Westbourne Parkway, about a quarter-mile east of the University's main campus, already looks like the state-of-the-art, vibrant center for dance and theatre instruction and performances it is planned to be. A dedication celebration is scheduled for Sept. 12. Follow the construction progress at www.handelcenter.org.

Ed Knight '56 Remembers

HILLYER COLLEGE ALUMNUS GIVES SOME 30 YEARS LATER

BY PETER CONGLETON



After serving in the Navy, Ed Knight '56 pursued his education at Hillyer College under the GI Bill. In those days, circa 1953, Hillyer offered a full undergraduate curriculum, and even some graduate degree programs, but was located in the cramped quarters of a former elementary school building on Hudson Street in Hartford.

Ed remembers the low water fountains and alphabet stenciling on some classroom walls. He worked the second shift at Pratt & Whitney to accommodate his daytime classes at Hillyer.

In 1987 Ed finished his working career at Farm Credit Banks of Springfield, a co-op created during the Depression to help local farmers stay on their farms by raising money on the bond market to provide loans. As a computer analyst, Ed designed programs that helped farmers analyze their milk production and feeding requirements. After volunteering in various capacities for 10 years, he retired to Arizona in the late 1990s to be near his brothers.

Then Ed's niece and her entire family were killed by a drunk driver in Seattle, Wash. Ed's brother set up a charitable remainder trust (CRT) at Seattle Pacific University in their memory, and Ed made a contribution. A CRT allows an individual to contribute assets to a trust, then receive income payments for a lifetime or term of years. The CRT donor receives a charitable income-tax deduction in the year of the gift.

When the trust ends, the remaining principal is distributed to designated charitable organizations.

After giving to his niece's college, Ed saw the advantage of making a similar arrangement for his own alma mater and established a CRT for the benefit of the University of Hartford. He is pleased to be receiving a reliable stream of lifelong income, and he's especially glad to be leaving something behind in his own name. By setting up the CRT, he has entrusted the University to spend the proceeds when and where it needs them most, even after he has left us. ■

To read more of Ed Knight's and other University of Hartford planned-giving donors' stories, please visit www.hartford.edu/plannedgiving. You may also contact our director of planned giving, Peter H. Congleton, at 860.768.2415 to learn more about gift-planning opportunities that could work well for you and your family.

Today and Tomorrow

SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY FOR YEARS TO COME

Your tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$10,000 or more can be used to create a named endowed fund.

These funds can support the University as a whole, student scholarships, faculty research, or a specific college, school, or program. The University invests your gift to generate income that is used both to fund the endowment's purpose, such as study abroad, and to expand the fund for the future.

You determine the name of the fund and where its income goes. Endowed funds can be in your name, the name of a family member or friend, or the name of the recipient of the support, such as the College of Arts and Sciences Staff Appreciation Award.

The endowment you create will exist in perpetuity, honoring its namesake and benefiting future generations of University of Hartford students and faculty. The University is pleased to announce some of the new endowed funds created between Jan. 1 and July 31, 2007.

Abraham M. Huang Endowed Memorial Prize for The Hartt Community Division

Purpose: Talent prize for Community Division's honors audition
Created by: Eugenia Huang

Hedda Windisch von Goeben Endowment

Purpose: General support of the University
Created by: Hedda Windisch von Goeben '66

Nancy '76 and Stanley Wells Graduate MBA Endowed Scholarship

Purpose: Financial support for one entering MBA student
Created by: Nancy '76 and Stanley Wells

Dr. Nathan Dubin Endowed Scholarship—HAS, Inc.

Purpose: Scholarship in memory of Nathan Dubin
Created by: Renée Dubin

Physical Therapy DPT Endowed Scholarship

Purpose: Supports students in physical therapy doctorate program
Created by: Catherine Certo

Sal Lopes '71 Endowed Photographic Excellence Award

Purpose: Support for undergraduate photography students
Created by: Sal Lopes '71

Susan Wilmarth-Rabineau Endowed Scholarship

Purpose: Honors Susan Wilmarth-Rabineau; provides scholarships for painting and drawing students at Hartford Art School
Created by: Hadass and Matthew Rubin, Susan Wilmarth-Rabineau and Nick Ullo

Sylvia Koski Endowed Scholarship

Purpose: Support for undergraduate music students at The Hartt School
Created by: Sylvia Koski

For information on establishing a named endowed fund at the University of Hartford, please contact Toni Robinson, director of donor relations, at 860.768.2435 or robinson@hartford.edu. ■



The New, Improved 1877 Club

The 1877 Club in the Harry Jack Gray Center on campus is sporting a new, elegant look, thanks to the generosity of longtime University supporters Helen and Harry Jack Gray and an anonymous donor.

After 20 years of steady use, this favorite campus lunch spot and special-event site had started to show "significant wear and tear," says Zina Davis, director of the Joseloff Gallery and the designer and coordinator of the makeover.

Cosmetic updates include new wall covering and carpet, new chairs, window treatments, and lighting fixtures. The columns in the rotunda were also stripped and recovered.

Stop by and take a look! ■