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RUTH SHIPP-DART, '51, IS SUPPORTING STUDENTS AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY THROUGH HER ESTATE.

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‘MY JESUIT EDUCATION
GAVE ME THE PERFECT
FOUNDATION FOR
MY CAREER, ETHICS
AND VALUES.’

– Ruth Shipp-Dart, '51

Ruth Peerenboom Shipp-Dart ('51) was born during the Great Depression to economically challenged parents who thought no goal in life was too large to attempt. They also expected early on, contrary to gender roles as defined in the 1940s, that Ruth and her sister would obtain university degrees. Thus in 1947, Ruth entered Seattle College (it became a university soon after) at a time when the school was awash with returning World War II veterans. Lecture classes for 300 students were commonplace, classroom facilities were cramped and most of the faculty members were Jesuit priests. Nonetheless, Ruth claims she received an outstanding classical education and emerged from SU four years later with a degree in English with minors in History and Philosophy. Ruth vividly remembers the personal interaction the Jesuits had with students and how they acted as role-models. In particular, she remembers Jesuits taking time to accompany the hiking club on its outings.

Although her studies educated her in ways that later would prove invaluable, e.g., written and verbal communication skills, analytical and logical thinking, ethics, and a broad knowledge of the world, great literature and the



“I so appreciated my whole university experience that [my gift annuity] can go anywhere it will do this university’s fine work.” – Ruth Shipp-Dart

arts, she was eligible for professional work in only the few fields open to women at that time. Subsequently she enrolled in the University of Washington graduate school and received her Master of Library Science in 1953. Following graduation she worked as a generalist at King County Library for two years, followed by three years at her alma mater’s library, then housed on the north half of the third floor of the present Administration Building. She worked as the only reference librarian for a student body of 2000+, cataloged part time, and embarked on a materials accession program needed to complete the new university’s credentials for accreditation.

Ruth worked at the Boeing Company for 17 years in various management positions and advanced to Manager of the Aerospace Library. As the first woman Vice-President of Boeing Management Association Civic Affairs, she chaired Boeing’s sponsorship of the Special Olympics and various student competitions. During her tenure at Boeing, she was instrumental in using large computers to develop computer software which produced library catalogs. Her interest in computer applications led her to Seattle Public Library where she managed the installation of the citywide computer based circulation and catalog system for library patrons, a ten year project that involved massive data

conversion and large capital construction projects. Reflecting on her career, Ruth concludes “my broad-based Jesuit education helped me always be a fair and ethical manager; I made decisions based on the facts at hand.”

After Ruth’s husband died of cancer, Ruth retired and devoted the next 8 years of her life to volunteer work. She was a hospice caregiver respite worker and a lay chaplain for Swedish Hospice, a life-changing experience. As she explains, “I may have made some difference in a dying person’s life, but hospice made a huge difference in my life.” After her second husband’s death, for seven years she volunteered her time and skills at her church, a north end Dominican parish, and eventually became its full time parish administrator.

Ruth’s philosophy, which she credits to her Seattle University education, is to “give back” financially and through her own personal efforts. As she puts it, “You have to give your time; you can’t just give your money.” Twenty years ago she was

introduced to the concept of SU’s gift annuities and eventually she designated two such gifts for unrestricted support for Seattle University. For all of these years her retirement living expenses have been augmented by the income from these gifts.

Ruth turned 80 this past year and she now lives in a downtown residence for active seniors. She enjoys travel, reading, the arts, and especially opera, all interests, she feels, that stem from her Jesuit education. For instance, she explains that “when I travel, I like to see how other people live, what they have and what their values are. That’s what I enjoy.”

Ruth decided to support Seattle University as a way to give back for the education and life lessons she received as a student. She stresses that she is not wealthy and that her contributions to the university now and later may not make a huge impact, but that her sense of gratitude impels her give financial support so that other young men and women will have the advantages she herself gained from a Seattle University education.

Sample Bequest Language:

I give to Seattle University, a Washington non-profit corporation, headquartered in Seattle, Washington, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____ % of my estate; or the property described herein) to be used for _____ (specify the purpose).

Which of the following will not change in the next five years?

- a. The economy
- b. Real estate prices
- c. Gasoline prices
- d. Your charitable gift annuity income

Answer:

Your charitable gift annuity income.



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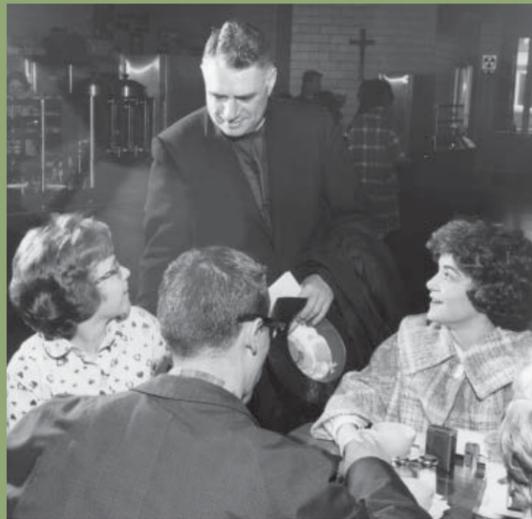
While the economy, real estate and gasoline prices are all guaranteed to change, you can count on your gift annuity income not changing for as long as you live! The beauty of a charitable gift annuity is that the income never changes. No matter what the economy does, the gift annuity income remains the same. We could all use a little more of that predictability right now, couldn't we?

Just as a gift annuity is incredibly reliable, it is also simple to understand. The rate is based on your age or the beneficiary's age when it is funded. A gift annuity is a contract between you and Seattle University. When you fund a gift annuity with Seattle U, the university agrees to pay you at a fixed rate for as long as you live (please see sample rates on this page.) No matter how long you live, or how the economy sways and swoons, your payments are secure and safe with us. The payment rates are backed by the full faith and assets of Seattle University. Just as we have always been there for you in the past, we will continue to be here for you in the future.

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Sample Gift Annuity Rates	
AGE	RATE
60	5.0%
65	5.3%
70	5.7%
75	6.3%
80	7.1%
85	8.1%
90	9.5%





Left: The “Four Horsemen of Loyola” pose with Fr. Lemieux, SJ, (second from left) in 1948. From left to right: Jesuit Frs. Raymond Nichols, James McGoldrick, Daniel Reidy and Howard Peronteau.

Right: Fr. Lemieux chats with students in the Chieftain.

Remembering One of the Greats: Father Albert A. Lemieux, S.J.

Summarized from Recollections Written by Bob Harmon '50, Professor Emeritus

Father Lemieux—often referred to fondly as “Fr. Arby”—was President of Seattle University from 1948 to 1965. A former splendid professor of Philosophy, he proved to be the perfect President to follow Father Small when that good man went to Rome as the American advisor to the Father General of the Society of Jesus.

My late brother Neil and I came to Seattle College (as it was then known) in the fall quarter of 1947. We later rented a small house with 4 other Vets and dubbed it the “Six Select” after a product of the old Rainier Brewery. Soon after we met Father Lemieux, he was invited to dinner. I still treasure the photographs of him there, relaxing in quiet conversation.

Father “Arby” made a habit of taking lunch in the Chieftain. He would salute several students, chat with a few and walk into the kitchen for his customary hamburger. Then he would reverse course—still greeting everyone along the way—back up to the Liberal Arts Building.

Later, as a new faculty member, I came to admire Father Arby’s administrative style. He seemed to keep a light hand on

the controls, rarely appearing in my office, despite my numerous learning-curve mistakes. One rare occasion when he “advised” me directly was on a hot summer day. I was working in shirtsleeves when Fr. Arby walked by and glanced into my window. He crossed the grass, rapped on the glass and quickly reminded me I should be wearing my suit jacket. I mentioned the heat. He simply smiled and said “I am wearing my suit coat.”

I have so many fond and vivid memories of Fr. Lemieux—he married my wife Gina and me, after all! One favorite: I was in the Liberal Arts building one summer weekend and discovered 4 or 5 little children sliding down the banisters—a three-floor drop if something went wrong! I started to sternly reprimand them, not knowing Fr. Arby was behind me observing. One of the little girls defended her chums: “no, Father! WE weren’t sliding down the banisters, HE was!” Fr. Arby turned to me and, gravely, in his super-golden-tones, inquired “Robert, WERE you sliding down the banisters??”

He exited, laughing, which is a nice way to close this comment on a most marvelous man, scholar and priest.

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