

Founders' Room Dedication



The URI Foundation recently paid tribute to its eight founding members during the June 1st Annual Meeting by dedicating the Founders' Room in the new Foundation Building at 79 Upper College Road. Due

to the inspiration of these eight men, the URI Foundation was created and authorized by the General Assembly in May 1957 and was granted 501(c)(3) status. Created for the purpose of encouraging and providing support from private sources for the University of Rhode Island, the Foundation exists solely for the benefit of the University. It seeks to encourage private giving to the University and acts as the trustee in administering these funds. June 1st was a day of pride for the 76 family members who saw, for the first time, the framed photos and biographies of these dedicated men. The Founders' family members were impressed by the \$62.5 million in total assets (as of 31 March 2003) the Foundation now manages for the University of Rhode Island and the \$28.7 million in contributions to University programs during the past twenty years. The Founders' Room will be used for smaller formal meetings and intimate gatherings.



(l-r) June Enos of Bedminster, N.J., granddaughter of Walter Francis Farrell; Frederick S. Tanner of East Greenwich, R.I., son of Frederick Charles Tanner; Blanche R. Murray of Jamestown, R.I., wife of Daniel Joseph Murray; James A. Hopkins of East Greenwich, R.I., vice president of the URI Foundation, Albert E. Carlotti of Warwick, R.I., only surviving founder; Patricia (Paddy) Watson Cooper of North Stonington, Conn., daughter of George Cundall Davis, and David G. Hall of Walnut Creek, Wash., son of Charles Andrew Hall.

Albert Edward Carlotti Sr.

Al Carlotti was president of the URI Foundation from 1969-1972 and vice president from 1966-1969. A member of the Foundation Executive Board since 1957, Al has been chairman of the Investment Committee since 1972 and is a member of the Personnel Committee. He also served on the Allocations Committee, the Corporations Committee, and the Alumni Liaison Committee.



Born 27 February 1910, Al earned his B.S. in engineering from Rhode Island State College in 1932. The University also awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1990. He received the Alumni Association's RAM Award in 1978 and was inducted into the Engineering Hall of Fame in 1998. Al was one of the founders of the Century Club. He currently serves on the College of Engineering Advisory Committee.

The University named the Carlotti Administration Building after Al in honor of his long service as chairman of the Board of Regents for Education (1973-1981) and as chairman of the Board of Governors of Higher Education (1981-1990). While serving on these boards, Al promoted URI whenever possible and helped shape the status and future of the University.

Al was treasurer of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority and a member of both the Rhode Island Public Telecommunications Authority and the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. The first options broker in New England, he continued to direct his business, Albert E. Carlotti and Company, until 1973.

Al is a vigorous man with a passion for life who has directed his considerable energy toward protecting the financial assets of both the University and the URI Foundation. He is a formidable bridge opponent and a marvelous dancer.



(l-r) Robert Perry, Crissa Perry (granddaughter), Albert E. Carlotti Sr., Rose M. Carlotti (wife), Albert E. Carlotti Jr. (son), Judith Carlotti, Stephen J. Carlotti (son), and Nancy Carlotti.

Al Carlotti's Italian-born father, an engineering assistant, encouraged him to attend college. "Dad wanted me to go to M.I.T., but it was unaffordable." Al became the first one in his family to graduate from college, where one of his jobs was correcting calculus papers for 25 cents a week. He found time to chair the inter-fraternity council and the junior prom. "It was the best four years of my life," he recalls. "Education provides a better outlook on life and history." It was so enriching that he's devoted considerable energy to bringing higher education within the reach of those aspiring to it.

Tall, with a forceful gaze and compelling smile, Carlotti began working for \$25 a week, and ended up with his own successful brokerage firm. "Business is a game. Key to winning is being judicious, not spending more than you make." He also attributes persistence, honesty, and "genuinely liking people" to his success.

He's proudest of the educational and life achievements of his sons and grandchildren and of the Foundation's growth.

Carlotti, 93, says, "Every year now is like ten." He champions the idea that "contributing to your university is an essential part of your legacy."

By Sylvia Smith

George Cundall Davis

George Davis drafted the legislation that created the URI Foundation and was one of the incorporators. A member of the Executive Board from 1957–1966, he served on the Investment Committee, the Committee on Philanthropic Organizations, and the Attorney's Liaison Committee.

Born 28 April 1899, George was a direct descendant of Thomas Hooker, founder and settler of Hartford, Connecticut. He received his bachelor's degree and his law degree (1925) from the University of Wisconsin.

An organizer of Blue Cross & Blue Shield, George served first as the group's president and later as chairman and director. He was the senior partner of the Tillinghast, Collins & Graham law firm. A member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, he also had affiliations with many national legal associations.

George was general counsel for the Old Colony Cooperative Bank and the Boston Wire Stitcher Co. for over 40 years. He was president of the Rhode Island Historical Society, a trustee and incorporator of the Heritage Foundation, and served on the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army for 20 years. A president and board member of the Providence Boys Clubs for more than 20 years, George acquired land in Charlestown, Rhode Island, for a summer camp named Camp Davis in his honor.

George was a member of the Commission of Revision of Rhode Island Corporation Law (1949–1950). One of three delegates to represent the United States at the International Institute for Uniformity of Private Law in Rome (1959), George was a member of the Uniform State Laws Commission (1959–1961). He also served on the Governor's Task Force to study the Rhode Island judicial system (1966) and was a veteran of World War I.

A modest man who supported his mother while putting himself through law school, George taught his children to give back to the community. For relaxation, he built boats in his cellar workshop.

George Davis died 27 May 1991, at 92.



The son of a bank owner, George Davis relished his Wisconsin roots as much as his R.I. ties though his mother. He put himself through college, where he managed the basketball team, and then law school.

Distinguished looking, with a Roman nose, he struck people as self-assured. At 36, he lost his hearing and couldn't continue in the trial setting. He attended night school to retrain as a corporate lawyer.



Lower level (l-r) Abigail Rose Cooper (great-granddaughter), Tammy Cooper, and Jeffrey G. Cooper (grandson), Christopher G. Cooper (grandson), Jae H. P. Cooper (great-grandson), Richard Cooper, Patricia (Paddy) Watson Cooper (daughter), Catherine Cooper Jordan (granddaughter), Christopher J. Jordan of Voluntown, Conn., and Wendelyn Davis Cooper (granddaughter) of Groton.

Daughter Patricia Cooper remembers her dad walked seven miles daily to his office. Family time mattered. When Davis came home late, his wife gave Patricia a nap after dinner, so that she could later visit with her dad.

An avid sailor, he built a 12-foot catboat and a 15-foot Point Judith, designed by a URI professor.

At 17, Patricia attended a fund raiser in place of her father, who

Upper level (l-r) Patrick M. Walsh, Rebecca (Duane) Walsh (granddaughter), Patrick J. Walsh (great-grandson), Chase Walsh (great-granddaughter), Audrey Hope Davis Trowbridge III (daughter), Hope Davis Trowbridge (granddaughter), Hunter Trowbridge V (great-grandson), Jill Trowbridge, Spencer H. Trowbridge (great-granddaughter), Blake E. Trowbridge (great-granddaughter), Edward R. Trowbridge IV (grandson).

was ill. "I was proud to realize how people extolled him."

Patricia recalls her father as smart and persistent. "Quitting was not an option," she notes. He also was loyal. At 76, he began nursing his wife through six years of terminal cancer.

Taking to heart the adage "There but for the Grace of God go I," he gave back generously to the community.

By Sylvia Smith

Walter Francis Farrell

Walter Farrell was an incorporator of the URI Foundation, vice president from 1957–1960, and a member of the Executive Board until 1965. He was chairman of the Investment Committee and a member of the Trust Officers Liaison Committee. The University of Rhode Island awarded Walter an honorary Doctor of Laws in January 1960.

Born 11 May 1888, Walter began his career in 1913 as a clerk at the Old Union Trust Company. In 1927, at the age of 38, he became the bank's president. He was the youngest bank president in Rhode Island at the time. He continued as president when the bank became the Providence Union National Bank & Trust Company and later when it became the larger Industrial National Bank.

An expert on municipal finance, he was a fiscal advisor to various agencies including the state Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners (1927–1947), the Public Assistance Reserve Fund, the Governor's Fiscal Study Commission, the Advisory Commission to the Rhode Island Development Council, and the state Committee on Postwar Problems (1943). He also received the governor's commission to study losses after the 1955 Blackstone Valley floods.

Walter was president of the Rhode Island Bankers Association, financial advisor to the Providence Charter Revision Commission (1936), vice president of the Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council (1943), chairman of the United Fund (1944), and vice president of the Providence United War Fund in World War II. He was one of three trustees for the Rhode Island Tercentenary Jubilee in 1936 and a director of the Providence Governmental Research Bureau and of the Rhode Island Medical Society Physicians Service.

Although his own education ended after high school, Walter was an enthusiastic supporter of higher education. When his family gathered on Sundays, he would quiz his grandchildren and borrow their textbooks as a source of further learning.

Walter Farrell died 6 August 1965, at 77.



The son of a Central Falls barber and a supportive mother, who instilled in him determination to succeed, Walter Farrell walked five miles each way to his first job. Six feet tall, with sharp features and riveting blue eyes, Farrell commanded attention.

Granddaughter June Enos recalls, "Some people fade in memory, but I see him clearly to this day. When he addressed you, you almost felt he was interviewing. He would say, 'Start at the beginning.'"

Although unable to attend college, Farrell revered learning, and stressed the importance of a liberal arts background to his daughters and grandchildren. He created enrichment for his family. For Enos' first trip to Europe, he arranged an interview for her with the Pope. "I got in the wrong line," she moans, "and missed it. I dreaded having to tell him."

His favorite recreation was cruising with family to Block Island in his motorboat, the Murdot, named after daughters Miriam and Doris.

Lower Level (l-r) Doris Chaplin (daughter), Miriam Graves Kenney (granddaughter), Alan T. Enos V (great-grandson), June Enos (granddaughter), and Alanson Enos IV. **Upper Level (l-r)** Hollie Elizabeth Quigley (great-granddaughter), Betsey Quigley (granddaughter), Carol G. Cimilluca (granddaughter), Rick Scovel, and Peggy Scovel (great-granddaughter).



Enos never forgot him asking her college beau, "What is the most important thing in life?" The youth answered, "Security." Farrell shot back, "No, you have to have vision."

By Sylvia Smith

Charles Andrew Hall

Charley Hall spearheaded the creation of the URI Foundation in 1957 by sending a letter to URI President Carl R. Woodward on 1 February 1956, outlining his plan for establishing an endowment fund. A year later, he became one of the incorporators of the URI Foundation.

The secretary to the Foundation for 15 terms from 1957–1972, Charley served on the Executive Board until 1978. He was also chairman of the Public Relations Committee and a member of both the Committee on Philanthropic Organizations and the Alumni Liaison Committee.

Born 2 February 1909, Charley received a B.S. in business administration from Rhode Island State College in 1932. The University also awarded him an honorary Doctor of Public Affairs in 1974.

Charley devoted his life to URI. He was named secretary and assistant director of extension at Rhode Island State College in 1942 and became director of alumni and public relations in 1952. He capped his career by serving as director in 1960 and as vice president from 1963–1972 for public relations and development. He was also a founder of the Century Club.

Active in the community, Charley was a member of the South County Athenium, a chairman and member of the national Board of Directors of District 1 American College Public Relations Association, and a chairman of the South County Red Cross and the March of Dimes.

Charley supplemented his income throughout the Depression by playing with popular bands, including the Ed Drew Orchestra. He would rise at 6 a.m. to clean furnaces for the gas company, then he would don a tux and play his trumpet until 2 a.m. He liked to sing "You Are My Sunshine" to a buddy who thought Charley's less-than-golden voice was hysterical. The friend would always slip him \$10.

Charley Hall died 12 September 1998, at 89.



(l-r) Stephanie Burns (granddaughter), David G. Hall (son), Audrey Hall, Joel D. Hall (son), Patricia Platt, and Charles A. Hall Jr. (son).

Son of an English mother and a stepfather who was a minister, Charles Hall escaped death by lightning at age 12, then went on to become a lightning bolt in support of his alma mater. Al Carlotti describes classmate Hall as "a man with many ideas." Son David recalls that high on his father's list was the idea of "educating the entire community." While employed by URI, he oversaw the strengthening of the junior college as well as the College of Continuing Education.

Burly, with curly blond hair and an expansive grin, Hall became such a forceful URI lobbyist that he once pushed through a bumper crop of

bond issues for the University. Pleading insufficient funding, the governor vetoed several, noting, "You can't win them all, Charley."

Ever vigilant about URI's image, Hall learned that an anti-war professor was planning to protest during President Lyndon Johnson's honorary degree ceremony at URI. "His response," David recalls, "was to plant two nurses, who rushed up to the professor and escorted him out as if he were sick."

After his father helped to put him through medical school, son Charles asked how he could repay him. "Do the same for your kids," Hall replied.

By Sylvia Smith

Arthur Francis Hanley

Art Hanley was an incorporator of the URI Foundation and its first president, serving nine years from 1957–1966. At the end of his last term, he was named honorary president, and he continued to serve on the Executive Board until 1978.

Born 12 May 1913, Art graduated from Rhode Island State College in 1936 with a B.S. in business administration. He also received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration from the University in 1963. As a founder of the Century Club and a former chairman of the Building Committee for the Memorial Union, Art left his mark on the University of Rhode Island.

Art was class president during all four years at Rhode Island State College and a moderator of the Sachems, the student government body. He was a senior honor student, captain of the track team, a member of the Scabbard and Blade, a member of the Officers Club, and assistant managing editor of the *Grist*. He later studied at New York University, Harvard University, and the University of Michigan Graduate School of Business.

Art was the president and CEO of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island for 38 years before retiring in 1977. He served on the Governor's Commission to Study Higher Education and was a member of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Corp. He was also an Army Air Force veteran of World War II.

An avid golfer, Art was easygoing and well liked. He had a brilliant mind, and his clear vision for the future of the Foundation ensured it would continue to grow and benefit the University, its students, and its faculty.

Art Hanley died 23 September 1997, at 84.



Henry Ellis Davis

Harry Davis was an incorporator of the URI Foundation, which was authorized by the General Assembly in 1957 to encourage private gifts of funds and property for the University. Many felt they could not succeed, but Harry and his colleagues were determined to create an enduring legacy for the University.

As the Foundation's secretary for nine terms, Harry served on the Executive Board from 1957–1966. He was also a member of the Corporations Committee.

Born 23 January 1892, Harry graduated from Rhode Island State College in 1914 with a degree in agriculture. In college Harry was first sergeant of Company A, and in his junior year he was class treasurer and editor-in-chief of the *Grist*. He excelled at debate and was an accomplished athlete.

In 1937 he served on the Rhode Island State College Athletic Council, an alumni group that supported athletics at the college.

Harry founded a Providence insurance company in 1929 under his own name and served as president and treasurer. In the 1950s, the company became Davis, Bateman & Nugent, Inc.

A president of the Rotary Club of Providence, Harry was also district governor of Rotary International (1955–1956). He was president of the Rhode Island Association of Insurance Agents, a trustee and director of the Greater Providence YMCA, and a member of the Providence Engineering Society.

Harry, who believed in giving back to society, also served as a director of both the Salvation Army and the Home of the Aged on Broad Street in Providence.

Harry was a man who thoroughly enjoyed life, but he was also a fierce supporter of "aggie" matters and worked hard to ensure the success of his many undertakings.

Harry Davis died 14 December 1967, at 75.



Daniel Joseph Murray

Dan Murray was the incorporator who hired George Davis to write the legislation that made the URI Foundation a reality. A member of the Executive Board until 1995, he served as the Foundation's vice president from 1969–1972 and as president from 1972–1975. He chaired the Attorney's Liaison Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Patent & Robotics Committee. He was also a member of the Investment Committee and the Alumni Liaison Committee.

Born 23 December 1910, Dan earned a B.S. in business administration from Rhode Island State College in 1935 and a Doctor of Laws from Georgetown University Law Center in 1938. The University of Rhode Island awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1988.

Dan served as president of the URI Alumni Association from 1956–1957 and received the Alumni Association's RAM Award in 1983. He also chaired the URI Library Enrichment Fund Committee from 1969–1974.

An attorney with the firms of Letts & Quinn; Letts, Quinn and Licht; and Licht & Semonoff in Providence, Dan was town solicitor for the Town of Jamestown for many years and served as probate judge and town solicitor for the Town of Exeter.

President of the Rhode Island Bar Association in 1970 and a member of both the New England Bar Association and the American Bar Association where he served on the board of delegates, Dan was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1975. He was president of the board of the Nickerson House for many years and a lieutenant commander in the Navy during World War II.

The Foundation's legal advisor, Dan was a concise thinker who could get right to the heart of a matter. He was a charismatic man with an ever-present smile who achieved his dream of excellence and financial security for the University.

Dan Murray died 1 June 1998, at 87.



Lower Level Back Row (l-r) Kelly Straw (step-granddaughter), Timothy Gambell, (grandson), Nicholas O'Brien (step-grandson), Exchange Student Oscar Boamah, Eric O'Brien (step-grandson) and Adam O'Brien (step-grandson). **Lower Level Front Row** (l-r) Callan Murray (grandson), Jake Murray (grandson), Daniel O'Brien (step-grandson), Andrew

Straw (step-grandson) and Blanche R. Murray (wife).

Upper Level (l-r) Robert Riccio, Kathleen (Kathye) Straw (stepdaughter), Barbara Benson (daughter), Jerry O'Brien (stepson), Norma (Nonnie) O'Brien, Jane Murray (daughter), Doug Brill, Martha Murray (daughter), Luke C. Murray (son), Cyndi Murray, Richard M. O'Brien (stepson) and Kathy O'Brien.

One of 11 children of industrious Scottish parents, Jamestown native Daniel Murray put himself through college and law school.

Wife Blanche describes him as small in stature, but expansive in spirit. Others recall twinkling blue eyes and ready laughter. In his late 60s, when he met Blanche, he was persistent. "Coffee led to dinner and more dinners. But I was most impressed by his interest in my children. He really interacted with them."

His lawyer daughter Martha describes her father's gift for relating. "He was conscious of what put people at ease. Once, I criticized a silver necktie he had on. As

he went off to trial, he replied, 'Yesterday, three jurors wore silver ties.' "

Persuasive, rarely abrasive, his favorite adage was "You get more bees with honey than vinegar." "But," Martha adds, "he could be fierce when necessary."

Martha recalls that, even at his busiest, he volunteered at Nickerson House, a Providence settlement house for immigrant families. Neighbors came to him for help. He instilled in his children that there is an obligation to give back to society.

In late life, he still played golf. He remained openly optimistic about his children's and grandchildren's futures.

By Sylvia Smith

Frederick Charles Tanner

Fred Tanner was an incorporator of the URI Foundation, served on the Executive Board from 1957–1976, chaired the Corporations Committee, and was a member of the Nominating Committee.

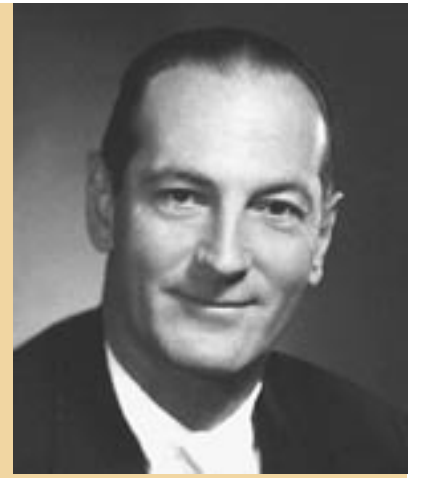
Born 19 March 1904, Fred graduated from Pratt Institute in 1926 with a degree in Industrial Mechanical Engineering. He attended Northeastern University and pursued advance studies in optical measurement at the University of Chicago. He received his first honorary Doctor of Science from URI in 1961 followed by a second from Bryant College in 1974. Also, Brown University cited him for outstanding community service.

Governor Roberts named Fred vice chairman of the new education board in 1955. In 1959, he became a member of the advisory council that established the URI Bureau of Government Research.

Fred served as president and chairman of the board of Federal Products Corp. of Providence. He was a director or board member of more than 30 business and civic organizations including the Providence Journal Co., Providence Gravure Inc., New England Electric System, Citizens Trust Co., Hurd Chrysler Corp., Linden Co., the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, the Narragansett Electric Co., Equitable Fire & Marine Insurance Co., the Bostich Division of Textron, Franklin Process Co., Lind Findings Co., the American Cancer Society, Blue Cross, the United Fund, the New England Council, and the Providence Philharmonic Orchestra. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the National Foundation for Arthritis and Rheumatism.

Fred was a great organizer who always managed to make time for golf despite his many civic duties. He often said he did more business on the golf course than in his office, and only beat his opponents by a small margin to sweeten the deal.

Fred Tanner died 15 October 1976, at 72.



(l-r) Helen C. Tanner (wife), Frederick S. Tanner (son), Mary L. Clark (daughter), Lawrence Clark (son-in-law).

Frederick Tanner was enterprising early on. Weary of climbing the hill near his Connecticut home, he once hinted to the vegetable vender that his mother might want some produce, and got a lift. When older, he stuffed a flat Model T tire full of grass and was able to make it home.

Tanner worked his way through college. One of the benefits of education was gaining an appreciation of different viewpoints. Known as a good listener, he told his son Fred, "There is your side, my side, and the right side."

Daughter Mary recalls that her father was tall, slim and athletic, with blue eyes and an impish smile. "Dad

was seemingly low key yet forceful. With his highly expressive face he rarely needed to raise his voice around us. He got the message across with a look." Both children say their father led by example.

Fred remembers his father's caring nature. "After a golfing buddy went blind, Dad used to take him to the course. Lining him up over the ball, he helped him play golf."

"Dad was determined to beat cancer right up to the end," Fred recalls. Mary remembers, "Even when deathly ill, he thought he'd be out playing golf again."

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