

THE FARBER FUNDS



*The Opportunity to
Experience and Observe...*

The Challenge to Serve and Excel...

through the Farber Fund and the study of
Political Science, Criminal Justice and
Leadership at The University of South Dakota.



The University of South Dakota

How one man's career at USD built a strong academic department and enriched the lives of several generations of public leaders...



The beginning of the Farber Fund was marked on May 8, 1976. That was the date of a recognition dinner for Dr. William O. Farber on the occasion of his retirement. He had been associated with USD since the fall of 1935 and had served as chair of the Department of Government (later Political Science) for 38 years.

Tom Brokaw ('64), was the master of ceremonies at the banquet and brief presentations were made by several persons who had special connections with the Farberian era. Over 200 persons attended, most of them present or former political science majors. In addition to Gov. Kneip, also present were former Governors Joe Foss, Sigurd Anderson, Archie Gubbrud and Frank Farrar.

During the dinner, Brokaw announced that a fund was to be established to honor "Doc" Farber. Dr. Farber insisted that the fund be used to give students in the department the opportunity to travel and to undertake internships in order to enrich their backgrounds and broaden their horizons.

Article I of the current Farber Fund bylaws (adopted in 1999) states: "The overall objective of the Fund is the advancement and strengthening of the Department of Political Science at The University of South Dakota in its promotion of academically excellent student programs and activities, public service and civic leadership."

The Fund grew gradually and by the end of 1980 totaled \$32,574. It was then that John Griffin of the USD Foundation suggested that a drive be undertaken to substantially increase the endowment. Griffin and Dr. Farber discussed the proposal in Phoenix with Bob Swanson ('54), then CEO of the Greyhound Bus Company. Swanson agreed to serve as head of the new fund drive. Thus began a development which soon far exceeded its original goals. An executive board composed of major givers was established to govern Fund activities and an initial 10-year goal of \$300,000 was set. To start the drive, Swanson provided a \$10,000 challenge grant.

By the time of the executive board's annual meeting in 1989, the endowment had surpassed the \$300,000 level. The board then set a new goal of \$750,000 in contributions by the end of the next 10-year period (1991–2001), which would mean a total of \$1,000,000 in appreciated assets. As of late 2010, contributions had far surpassed that goal and appreciated assets were over \$3,000,000 for the combined Farber Funds. This means that approximately \$175,000 is available each year as interest income to fund grants for student internships, research-related travel, scholarships and other appropriate activities. The Funds now annually support over 300 majors who participate in dozens of group and individual activities.



Heather Fluit ('10), a Sioux Falls native, will pursue a career in foreign relations and international communication programs. She has studied abroad in Florence, Italy and worked for the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of Public Affairs. After months of preparation, Heather also won a Truman Foundation Scholarship in 2000. She is now spending a year in Viet Nam teaching English.

The Farber Fund Endowments, individually and collectively, are governed by the bylaws of the Farber Fund, as revised from time to time.

The funds in this account shall be used as follows:

a. Farber Fund #1: Student Internship and Travel Fund

- 1) Scholarships to pay tuition costs of interns.
- 2) Matching funds or supplements when internship stipends are inadequate.
- 3) Travel funds to internship locations.
- 4) Assistance for travel to attend state, regional, and national educational forums, seminars, and conferences.
- 5) Travel grants for research.
- 6) Candidates will be enrolled or accepted in USD and meet all departmental requirements to be a student in good standing.
- 7) Candidates will be primarily undergraduate students, but in exceptional cases graduate students may be recipients.
- 8) Recipients shall show a desire to pursue a career in public service.
- 9) Awards will vary according to financial need, scholarship of the student and the worthiness of the proposed use of funds.
- 10) Scholarships, travel grants, and other assistance to those students desiring to attend foreign institutions for a summer, semester or year abroad.
- 11) Travel expenses of USD graduates who agree to return to campus to participate in classroom and in informal discussions, sharing their expertise and experience with current students.



The 14 participants in the 2009 Turkey study tour traveled 1,500 miles around northwestern Turkey, experiencing Islamic and Turkish culture, history and politics for almost two weeks. The tour focused on the vital roles Hittite, Greek, Roman, Ottoman and Turkish societies have played in shaping history and politics for the past 5,000 years.

b. Farber Fund #2

- 1) Contributions to this fund are available to assist students and faculty in ways that are not readily provided for in the other Farber Funds.
- 2) This Fund is not an endowment and contributions to it are available for immediate use.

c. Farber Fund #3: Scholarship Fund

- 1) Candidates will be enrolled in or accepted by USD and meet all USD requirements to be students in good standing in one or more of the programs of the Department of Political Science. The recipients of the scholarships from this Endowment will be chosen using criteria and procedures established from time to time by the chair of the Department of Political Science in consultation with the Department's faculty and the Administrative Committee of the Farber Funds. The department chair, or designated representatives, may also determine the size of each individual award.



Matthew Tysdal enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard as a junior in high school and currently serves in the 196th Regiment RTI. Tysdal was awarded the Truman scholarship in the spring of 2010 and plans to apply to the Master's in Public Affairs program at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton, specializing in domestic policy.

d. Farber Fund #4: Farber Futures Fund

One fourth (1/4th) of the annual payout from the Farber Futures Fund shall be allotted to each of the following constituent funds, hereinbefore set forth, and any uncommitted or unspent money for each fund shall annually revert to the Farber Futures Fund principal.

1) Farber Futures Fund #4a: Publications Fund

- a) This Fund will be administered by the Government Research Bureau of The University of South Dakota.
- b) It is designated to promote the publication of research and informational studies.
- c) It is intended to encourage both faculty and student involvement in such research and studies.

2) Farber Futures Fund #4b: Outreach Fund

- a) This Fund will be administered by the chair of the Department of Political Science in consultation with the department's faculty and the Administrative Committee.
- b) It is intended to support faculty and student involvement in community and professional appearances at public meetings.



Thanks to the Farber Fund, 12 students and faculty make a day trip to Washington, D.C. each spring. The group was able to meet with the South Dakota Congressional delegation and many other policy-makers, many of whom were South Dakotans.

3) Farber Fund Futures Fund #4c: Student Activities Fund

- a) This Fund will be administered by the Chair of the Department of Political Science in consultation with the department's faculty and the Administrative Committee.
- b) It is intended to support the Political Science League, student attendance at local and national political science meetings, and the local USD chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha.

4) Farber Futures Fund #4d: Administrative Fund

- a) This Fund will be administered by the Chair of the Department of Political Science in consultation with the Administrative Committee.
- b) It is intended to provide facility support, ordinary and customary maintenance costs, as well as necessary improvements and other appropriate expenses associated with "Farber House" at 413 E. Clark Street.



The Farber Fund sponsored Lynn von Koch's ('06) summer internship to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2005. Since then, she's worked with the United Nations Office for Project Services in Sudan and Jerusalem in roles that built communication and public relations. Von Koch is now pursuing a master's in public policy at Princeton University, hoping one day to work in foreign relations and international development for the United States.

To my students:

I believe that dedicated public service is the noblest of the professions. To enter it, whether as academic or as practitioner, is the greatest of good fortune. Thus, I have sought to encourage all in my purview to share the joys and rewards of this commitment. You who came to me, came with some inner flame; it has been my mission to nurture, to feed that flame, and at all costs never to kill it. With all the world's contemporary challenges, the chance to motivate, to stimulate, to kindle, remained the high calling, and ever to remind that in catastrophe there is opportunity, and out of weakness can come strength. My hope has been that none of you has left my presence feeling the worse for the encounter.

The keys to a happy, acceptable, and productive existence are participation, involvement, and concern for others. I have hoped, by example, to inspire you to become change agents. Often your intellect, I know, has been superior to my own; only my experience has been greater, and that I have tried to permit by association "to rub off on you."

To broaden one's horizons, travel and experimentation and bold thinking must be the goals. I have sought to teach the importance of the background to know, the vision to see, the will to do. Like others before, I confess that I have often learned more from you than you from me. But always, for over forty years, has the joint educational venture been intensely human, exciting, and worthwhile.

William O. Farber
Presented at Recognition Dinner
May 8, 1976

Administration of the Farber Fund

Contributions are received, accounted for, invested and disbursed by the USD Foundation under guidelines set by the University and the Executive Board of the Farber Fund. Student requests for Farber Fund assistance are received by the chair of the Department of Political Science, who receives advice from faculty members and others in evaluating the relative worth of student requests. It is generally expected that students receiving help from the Farber Fund will pay a share of the costs they incur. Each year, at the annual meeting of the Executive Board during Dakota Days weekend at USD, the Department of Political Science chair makes a summary report of Farber Fund awards for the previous year.

The Executive Board elects a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a six-person Administrative Committee. Persons who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the Fund and continue to make annual contributions of at least \$100 are invited to serve on the Executive Board. Other contributors who desire to serve on the board may write to the Executive Board, Farber Fund, Department of Political Science, The University of South Dakota, 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069-2390.

A review of the following list gives an idea of the variety and richness of Farber Fund uses:

- Students take part in regional mock trial tournaments.
- International Relations students take part in Model United Nations Conferences.
- Students attend American Criminal Justice Society annual conventions.
- Students attend Midwest Political Science Association conventions in Chicago.
- Students take part in spring study tours of Washington, D.C.
- Students spend a semester studying abroad in locations such as Germany, Spain, Egypt, France, the Netherlands and the U.K.

For more information about the Farber Funds, please see

www.usd.edu/farberfund

Students interested in applying for funding should go to

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