



Lundine donates personal commission papers to Center for Regional Advancement

SUNY Fredonia's archival collection of former U.S. Congressman and New York Lieutenant Governor Stan Lundine is growing. SUNY Fredonia's Center for Regional Advancement (CRA) Director Chuck Cornell recently announced that Mr. Lundine has donated his personal papers from the New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, a statewide commission that he chaired.

"We are very pleased to accept the personal papers of Mr. Lundine for what has been one of the most significant statewide commissions for local government efficiency," said President Hefner. "Our Center for Regional Advancement has served as a catalyst to regional governance and development for nearly 13 years, and these papers are a great addition to the research opportunities here at SUNY Fredonia."

Lundine recently spoke inside of the Williams Center as part of Constitution Week on campus, answering student and community questions and discussing his career. The New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, also known as the "Lundine Commission," was established in 2006 and chaired by Lundine. The commission was established to "examine ways to strengthen and streamline local government, reduce costs and improve effectiveness, maximize informed participation in local elections, and facilitate shared services, consolidation and regional governance." The Commission's recommendations were released in April 2008 and identified more than \$1 billion in potential savings.

"I am pleased that SUNY Fredonia has accepted these papers and certainly hope they will enhance the research collection at the college," Mr. Lundine added. "SUNY Fredonia and its Center for Regional Advancement are important to our region's prosperity and efficient governance."

Since its founding in 1997, the CRA (formerly the Center for Rural Regional Development and Governance) has been a major catalyst for regional collaboration, governance innovations, community outreach and economic development. Its purpose is to engage the intellectual and analytical human resources of SUNY Fredonia to enhance the region's governance and economic development capacity.

Center Director Chuck Cornell said he has turned the papers over to SUNY Fredonia's Daniel A. Reed Library Director Randy Gadikian to be archived. The commission papers join Mr. Lundine's extensive Congressional and New York State Lieutenant Governor's collections in

Reed Library. Cornell says he will make the Lundine Commission papers available on the Center's website (www.fredonia.edu/crrdg/) as part of his online library project.