

Dan Glickman donates papers to University Libraries at Wichita State

Former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, who also represented the 4th Congressional District for 18 years as a Democrat from Wichita, has donated his professional papers to the Special Collections division of University Libraries at Wichita State University.

Dozens of boxes from Glickman contain correspondence, legislative bills and proposed bills, news clippings, press releases, photos, official documents and more. Among some of the personal mementos with historical value are about nine scrapbooks created by his mother, Gladys, that follow press coverage of Glickman from the mid-1970s until her death in late 1999.

Calling Glickman's political career "accomplished and extensive," University Libraries Dean Don Gilstrap said the library is fortunate to be the new home of his professional papers.

"Many of us may not realize just how many different people Dan came into contact with throughout his career," Gilstrap said. "But political and historical researchers from around the country will now know that WSU is the home for research on Dan Glickman, as well as many important political decisions that occurred during this time period."

Glickman said he hopes researchers will find the papers valuable and enlightening.

"They represent a good piece of history from the time that I was in public life, a period of time when a lot was happening in Kansas and in Washington," he said.

Though not an alumnus of Wichita State, Glickman noted that he grew up in Wichita and his family has strong ties to both the city and the university. He hopes his contribution will broaden the political resources available in WSU Libraries Special Collections.

"I feel the collection will be treated well and have the potential to make an impact," Glickman said.

In addition to supplementing the collection with more papers from his tenure as Agriculture Secretary, Glickman also intends to donate papers associated with his stint as chairman and CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America from 2004 to 2010.

Glickman was recognized for his donation at a reception Monday (May 19) at Ablah Library on the WSU campus. Among those who spoke were WSU President John Bardo; Elizabeth King, WSU

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Foundation president and CEO; Russ Meyer, chairman emeritus of Cessna Aircraft; Gilstrap and Glickman. Samples of his papers were on display. The event was hosted by the WSU Foundation and University Libraries.

Glickman represented the 4th Congressional District from 1977 through 1994. During that time, he served as a member of the House Agriculture Committee, including six years as chairman of the subcommittee that had jurisdiction over most federal farm policy issues. He was an active member of the House Judiciary Committee, where he was a leader on technology issues. In addition to his focus on agriculture, Glickman was a leading congressional expert on general aviation policy and also served as chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

He was U.S. Agriculture Secretary from 1995 to 2001. Today, he serves as a senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center and also is executive director of the Aspen Institute's Congressional Program.

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Media note: By noon today, a photograph from Monday's reception for Dan Glickman at Wichita State will be available at www.wichita.edu/foundationphotos

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