GROWING UP DURING
the turmoil of World War
II, Frederick Pardee began
dreaming of peace among
nations and a better human
condition. The School of
Management nurtured his
vision; he studied Lewis
Mumford, the famous his-
torician of technology and
cities, who Pardee says in-
spired him as “a dreamer
of the future.”

After graduating in
1954—he studied summers
and added extra courses
to earn a bachelor’s and
a master’s degree at the
same time—and a stint in
the Air Force, Pardee took
a $7,500-a-year job as an
economist at the nonprofit
RAND Corporation, where
the number crunching
he learned at BU served
him well as he analyzed
social, political, and eco-
nomic problems.

Pardee (SMG’54,
GSM’54, Hon.’06) segued
into a lucrative career run-
ning a property manage-
ment firm in Los Angeles,
but he never forgot the past,
and he was captivated by the
possibilities of the future,
which explains in part why
he gave money to establish
the University’s Frederick S.
Pardee Center for the Study
of the Longer-Range Future
in 2000.

Now, as part of the Cam-
paign for Boston University,
the University’s first com-
prehensive fundraising cam-
paign, he has given another
$7 million to support the
center’s work and global
education at BU, boosting
his total donations to the

Frederick Pardee Gives $7 Million

Gift brings
alum’s
campaign
donations
to BU to
$10 million

Frederick S.
Pardee has given an additional $7 million to his
eponymous center at the University.

“...I was very appreciative of the fact that BU provided me with a scholarship,”
Pardee says. “My time at BU would have been much
more difficult had I had to
work between classes.” The
Pardee Center fulfills his
aspirations for his legacy,
he adds, because “global
human progress is what
I’m interested in.”

“The funds will help sup-
port the activities of the
center, which is one of our
most important interdisci-
plinary academic efforts,”
says Jean Morrison, provost
and chief academic officer.
The gift “expands the capac-
ity of the center to support
important research and
scholarship in global studies.
One of the critical aspects
the Pardee Center focuses
on is the human condition,
and how we can work to
improve the quality of the
human condition. There
are many places around the
globe where the quality of
people’s lives, with disease
and famine, should not be
acceptable in 2013.”

The Pardee Center has
a new director, Anthony
Janetos, who arrived in
May. Janetos is a Princeton-
trained ecologist with nearly
three decades of experience
researching and doing policy
analysis on the impact of
global climate change. He
came from the Joint Global
Change Research Institute
at the University of Mary-
land, where he had been
director since 2006.

The most recent gift
brings Pardee’s lifetime
contributions to the Uni-
versity to more than
$20 million, says Glenn
Vivian, director of planned
giving at Development &
Alumni Relations. “That
puts him on a list of some
of our strongest supporters.”

The gifts have also made
Pardee’s name ubiquitous
on campus. Beyond his
namesake center, which
is headquartered in the
Pardee House, and its
named professorship, the
School of Management
library is named for him,
as is a research fund. He
also donated to a fund that
paid for a global health
conference. RB