Robert H. Gore Jr. (’31) bought his first coin as a 16-year-old newsboy in Terre Haute, Indiana, and thus began a lifelong love of numismatics. By the time of his retirement he had developed one of the finest American coin collections in the United States. Long interested in the historical importance of numismatics and wanting to give to his beloved University something of lasting value as well as remembrance, he donated the type portion of his collection to Notre Dame both as a memorial and as a research tool to be used in the study of American numismatics. Later, he donated selected coins and paper money of the colonial era, which had great historical value.

Named for Robert and his wife, the Margaret P. and Robert H. Gore Jr. Memorial American Numismatic Collection provides support for growth and upkeep. Income from this endowment supports appropriate housing, a collection of supporting print resources, suitable indexing and publicity, and additions to the coin collection itself as appropriate items come to the attention of its curator.

Gore funding also enabled the publication by the Hesburgh Libraries, in 1990, of Anton C. Masin’s *Numismatica Americana: Catalog of the Robert H. Gore Jr. Collection of American Numismatics*, and has underwritten selected programming, including lectures and exhibits, on topics of interest to numismatists. The result is a truly unique collection among American research libraries.