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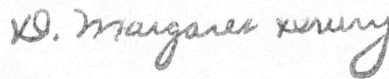
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

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A true copy;



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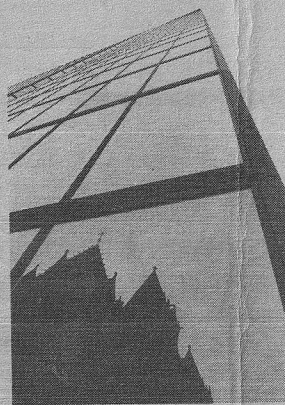
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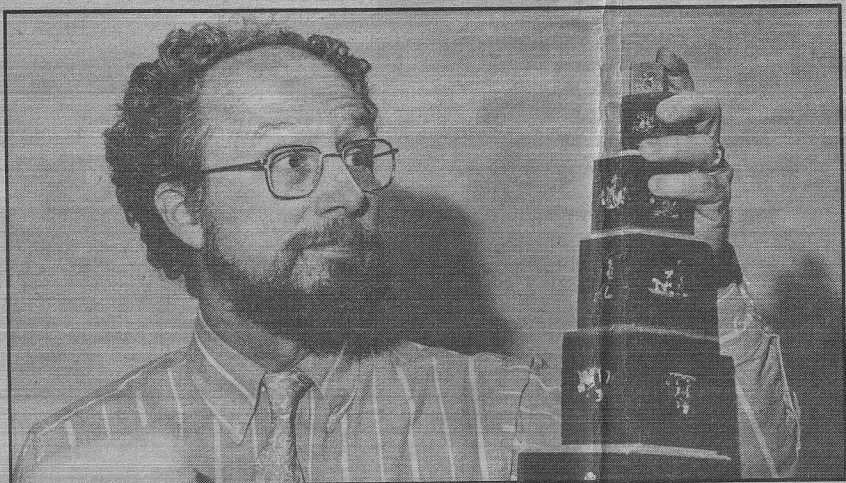


Photo by Mary Lee

Kurt Fischer, professor of education, studies changes in brain development that dramatically affect the behavior and emotions of children.

Minding the Brain To Understand Behavior

Mind/Brain/Behavior Initiative looks for biological and cultural truths

By William J. Cromie
GAZETTE STAFF

It was a rare meeting. Two representatives each from nine of Harvard's ten Schools marched into a large conference room at the Faculty Club.

"It was like Noah's Ark," recalled one participant. "No one knew exactly why we were there or where we were going."

They had been invited by President Neil L. Rudenstine, the Provost, and the Deans to start an Interfaculty Initiative on the mind, the brain, and human behavior.

"It seemed like a good idea, but we were somewhat distrustful of each other," admitted the participant. "People from the social sciences and humanities were concerned that the physical scientists would not respect and value their work."

"It didn't turn out that way," said Steven Hyman, a psychiatrist at the Medical School and director of the Mind/Brain/Behavior (MBB) Initiative. "Instead, we formed what has become a wonderful and respectful collaboration on issues ranging from addiction to violence."

"MBB has become an exciting example of the value of interfaculty cooperation," commented Provost Albert Carnesale. "Bringing together people from very different fields has been intellectually rewarding and has opened new avenues of inquiry."

"I'm really impressed with the morale," agreed Kurt Fischer, professor of education. "We still argue



about how many degrees to the left or right the 'ark' should be steered and even about its destination, but people are really excited about talking to each other and working together."

Enthusiasm Prevails

Interdisciplinary work turned out to be difficult at first. People from different disciplines speak in different academic languages. They look at the same problem from different perspectives. Researchers at the Medical School, for example, describe drug abuse and addiction as a brain disease; those at the Kennedy School of Government (KSG) define it in terms of social distress, poverty, and irrational drug policies.

There also exists a natural tension between neuroscientists, who feel that the bottom line of truth lies in the firing and feedback between clusters of brain cells, and humanists who take a broader approach.

"Culture and social backgrounds are inseparable from the workings of the brain," notes Fischer. "When you deal with the problems of real children, which I do, you can't ignore where they live and what kind of family they have, if they have a family."

Such differences are overcome when those involved "bring lots of intellectual enthusiasm and curiosity to the Initiative," noted Mark Moore, Daniel and Florence Guggenheim

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Graduate School of Education Celebrates 75th Anniversary

By Alec Solomita
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

If you are older than 22 months or so, the odds are you're intimately familiar with at least a couple of the products of the Graduate School of Education's 75-year commitment to innovation in education.

Big Bird and Kermit the Frog, the stars of *Sesame Street*, one of the programs developed by faculty at the Education School's Laboratory of Human Development and the Children's Television Workshop, have reached

hundreds of millions of children since being loosed on the airwaves in 1972. As Theodore Sizer, who was Dean of the Ed School from 1964 to 1972, has commented about the program, "[it] had a profound influence on the culture."

Big Bird and Kermit represent just one possible response to an age-old question that the faculty and students of the Graduate School of Education (GSE) never tire of asking: How do children learn?

The question has simmered and bubbled and

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Anniversary Events

For its 75th anniversary, the GSE is convening two panel discussions.

The first, "Public Education: Forefront or Footnote?," is from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

The second, "75 Years and Movin' On," will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Both are free, open to the public, and in Longfellow Hall. Call 495-0740 for details.

A Message from the GSE Dean

This week the Graduate School of Education celebrates its 75th anniversary. The GSE has a proud tradition of innovation and leadership, starting in 1920, when the School was the first faculty to award women Harvard degrees. In its first 75 years, the GSE has made crucial investments in educational initiatives and research that have anticipated and responded to the nation's needs.

The School has pioneered professional programs that have become national models, including the Master's of Arts in Teaching degree, the Principals' Center, and the Urban Superintendents Program. GSE faculty and students helped develop educational television shows such as *Sesame Street* and *The Electric Company*. While we take pride in our past accomplishments, they also challenge us to look to the future.

Today, the GSE stands at a crucial juncture of strength and opportunity. The School of Education



Dean Jerome T. Murphy

wields an influence greatly beyond its small size. Our faculty, students, and graduates contribute a breadth of expertise in learning, human development, administration, and policy. As part of a major research university, the GSE provides both material and intellectual resources for research that fosters groundbreaking ideas. Extensive contact with schools and educators across the spectrum of learning programs enrich our programs in leadership preparation, teaching, research, and policy. From its unique vantage point

within the profession, the GSE acts as a catalyst to spark new ideas, initiatives, and opportunities for growth.

The educational task our society faces calls for attention from every community and every university in the nation. We need to ensure world-class learning for all children, nurture and draw strength from a rich diversity of perspectives and cultures, and support responsible citizenship and civic life. The GSE is positioned to contribute the leaders, ideas, and alliances that will support our schools, our teachers, and our children.

If we are sometimes daunted by the challenges facing education, we are also frequently heartened by our successes. The GSE faculty, staff, students, and graduates know the satisfactions of hard work, creative entrepreneurship, and hope built within one's own community. Today, faculty and graduates of the School are making a critical difference by leading exciting innovations in education.



Community
Gifts through
Harvard campaign
touches many
lives.
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The Gazette will not be published next week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Notes

Harvard Manor House Hotel to close for renovations

The Harvard Manor House Hotel, located at 110 Mt. Auburn St. and owned by Harvard Planning and Real Estate, will close for renovations on Sunday, Nov. 19. For information about the March 1996 reopening, call (800) 458-5886.

"Moral Aspects of Population Control" discussion to be held

A panel discussion on "Moral Aspects of Population Control" will be sponsored by the Center for the Study of World Religions.

Speakers are **Sissela Bok**, Distinguished Fellow in the Department of Population and International Health; **Bryan Hehir**, professor of the practice in religion and society; **Amartya Sen**, Lamont University Professor; and **Donald Warwick**, Institute Fellow in the Harvard Institute for International Development. The program takes place Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m., in the Sperry Room, in the Divinity School's Andover Hall.

Grants for suicide-related study to be offered by research committee

The Harvard Suicide Research Committee is offering small grants (up to \$5,000) to support research from any disciplinary perspective during 1995-96. The grants are funded by the American Suicide Foundation and the committee especially encourages junior investigators to apply for them.

Applicants should contact Professor Gil Noam, Laboratory of Developmental Psychology and Developmental Psychopathology, Harvard Medical School, McLean Hospital, 115 Mill St., Belmont, MA 02178, or the Risk and Prevention Program, 601 Larsen Hall, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA 02138.

The deadline is Dec. 1.

Lives of girls in India to be topic of international education program

A program on "The Socialization of the Girl-Child in India" will feature a presentation by S. Anandalakshmy, director of the Project on Socialization of the Girl-Child in India. Respondents are **Robert Levine** and **Carol Gilligan**, professors of education, and the moderator is **Dinesh Sharma**, Ed.D. candidate.

The program takes place Tuesday, Nov. 21, 4 to 6 p.m., in the Eliot-Lyman Room, Longfellow Hall, and is sponsored by the Office of International Education.

Grants Are Awarded To Divinity School Women's Studies Program, Center for Study of Values

The Lilly Endowment has awarded two new grants to the Divinity School for the Program in Women's Studies in Religion and the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life. A grant of \$175,000 will support the program's visiting scholars and their research on women and religion. A grant of \$593,000 to the Center over a three-year period will support visiting scholars and fellows as well as faculty and curriculum development, and will help to expand the Center's program in the area of civil society and the renewal of public life.

European Group To Be Established

This Sunday evening, Nov. 19, the list of organizations at Harvard will become a little bit longer. At 8 p.m. in the Owen Room of Winthrop House, the Harvard European Organization (HERO) will be founded by European students and other friends of Europe.

The organization will have a wide variety of goals, said its founders, one-year visiting students Oliver Koch, Christoph Braendli, and Sven Koopmans. It intends to create links on social, cultural, political, and other levels among students with an interest in Europe; to support European students at Harvard College; to strengthen ties between European and other regional organizations; and contribute to promoting Europe at Harvard and Harvard in Europe. Planned events include parties, discussions with speakers, exhibitions, workshops, and excursions.

The organization is in the process of being established, and welcomes every form of assistance. Everyone is invited to consider crafting the departments, planning activities, serving as an officer, and becoming a founding member of HERO by signing the constitution Sunday evening.

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Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti speaks to Law School students during a visit to appear on a panel concerning "The World of Criminal Law" on Nov. 1.

Former Radcliffe Vice President Kathleen Overmyer Elliott Dies at 85

Kathleen Overmyer Elliott, PhD '42, a former vice president of Radcliffe College, died on Nov. 6. Elliott was a resident of Cambridge. She was 85.

Elliott gave 33 years of service to Radcliffe College, beginning in 1943. Her numerous appointments included director of admissions, dean of Radcliffe College, vice president, dean of students, and associate dean. When she retired from the College in 1976, the Kathleen O. Elliott Scholarship Fund was established with gifts from many friends.

"Kathleen Elliott was dedicated to Radcliffe College and her death is a great loss to the many people who knew and worked with her during her 33 years here," said Radcliffe College President Linda S. Wilson. "Throughout her career, she was an important role model to undergraduate women. As Dean of Radcliffe College, she was someone whom students could always count on for help and advice."

"I met Kathleen Elliott after she had retired as vice president and associate dean of Radcliffe College. She was of enormous help to me as the then newly appointed chairman of the board of trustees," said Amey Amory DeFriez. "Additionally, I quickly learned to value her bright intelligence, her discretion, and her wit. Mrs. Elliott was the kind of associate [who] enhanced even more one's pride in the Radcliffe connection. It was not only a great privilege, but also a per-

sonal delight to have known her."

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Funeral services were private. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Church. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent in her name to Radcliffe College, 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

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Order adopted