



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 4, 1996

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25 Million from Gates, Ballmer To Benefit Computer Science and Electrical Engineering

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important technologies," said Gates. "Steve Ballmer is excited to help Harvard advance computer science in ways that will contribute to the phenomenal innovation taking place today in the information technology field, and to the close examination of its impact on society. This program will promote an interdisciplinary approach that encourages great ideas from a diverse group of smart people working closely together."

With a new building and a new endowment, Harvard faculty and students will be able to expand their contributions to the continuing parade of innovations presented by the computer and communications revolution, and — with students and faculty from other parts of the University, as well as visitors — to conduct more intensive studies of the major societal challenges posed by the information explosion.

This gift represents a major advance in computer science at Harvard, and it also underscores the growing importance of computers and information technology in education as well as in society," said President Neil L. Rudenstine. "Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer have made it possible for Harvard to move strongly forward with the next phase of our plans to achieve an even higher level of quality, and a larger critical mass of excellent faculty, in fields of study that are central to the University's future. We are deeply grateful to them for their exceptional generosity and confidence in what can now be achieved."

For more than five years we have been able to have a stronger presence in electrical engineering and computer science at Harvard: dramatically, now, this plan becomes a reality," said Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Jeremy R. Miles. "The splendid generosity of Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer has secured our future, and given a new shape to the

College where they both began. Their gifts will provide new space and new faculty, and will expand the range and lift up the quality of opportunities for our students."

Harvard's program in computer science and electrical engineering has a core group of faculty, renowned for its contributions to artificial intelligence, computational linguistics, computer security, computer networking, computing theory, distributed systems, programming systems, systems engineering, and robotics.

"The gift by Gates and Ballmer promises to have a transforming impact on Harvard's contributions to computer science and electrical engineering during the 21st century," said Harry R. Lewis, Dean of Harvard College and Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science. "The new facility will include classrooms and laboratories where our students can work with and learn from the faculty who are shaping future directions in computing and communications. We are all extremely grateful to Bill Gates and Steve Ballmer, who have had such a profound impact on the development of information technology in the world, for their vision in providing a basis for Harvard's excellence in this field in the future."

At present, Harvard's faculty in computer science and electrical engineering are located in several buildings. Offices, laboratories, and graduate student space for individual faculty members are often in different areas. Available space has been exhausted as all attic and basement spaces have been converted to use. There is currently no space to accommodate new faculty appointments.

This physical dispersion is to the "intellectual detriment" of the field, said Dean Lewis. "One of the things this gift will do is enable us to create some intellectual unity as we bring together students and faculty who are interested in computer science and electrical engineering."

According to Paul C. Martin, Dean of the Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the John Hasbrouck Van Vleck Professor of Pure and Applied Physics: "Few advances in science and technology have had as broad an impact on society as computers and electronic communication are having now. Studies of the foundations of the technology and its implementation should be closely linked to studies of applications and their societal impact."

Martin added, "This building will bring our own faculty under one roof and, equally importantly, provide a center in which they and others can study computers and communications on a broader scale. At Harvard, we intend to make a unique contribution by working simultaneously on the technology and software for making communications faster, more secure, more reliable, and easier to use, and on the educational, legal, economic, and social impact of these advances."

Currently, Harvard's Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences has 369 undergraduate concentrators, 26 master's students, and 141 Ph.D. candidates working toward degrees in computer science, engineering sciences, applied mathematics, and applied physics.

Ballmer has served on the Harvard Board of Overseers since 1991. He is a member of the Visiting Committee to the Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences and is on the University's standing committees for alumni affairs and development; natural and applied sciences; and schools, the College, and continuing education. An active fundraiser for Harvard, Ballmer is co-chairman of the Class of 1977's fundraising efforts, co-chairman of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences West Coast Major Gifts Steering Committee, and a member of the Committee on University Resources campaign executive committee.

Community Gifts through Harvard Campaign Weeks To Raise \$700,000 for Community Agencies

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Community and Public Affairs. Speakers included Rudenstine, Derrick Abernathy, the Abbott and Lawrence Professor of Engineering, and Peter Hardie '77, executive director of Roxbury Youthworks. The Campaign, which has set its fundraising goal at \$700,000, is unique among those of large institutions because it allows faculty and staff to make donations to particular agencies or to umbrella organizations such as Community Works, Massachusetts Foundation for Children, or the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

This week, Harvard faculty and staff will be receiving envelopes containing pledge cards, Campaign literature, and letters from their local representatives urging them to make a contribution to a charity of their choice. Employees can also make a check or make their contributions

participate in the Campaign, whatever their level of contribution. High participation, he said, "demonstrates that we're all part of the community, and we really do want to be in this together."

Rudenstine said that with Thanksgiving and the holiday season coming, it is a good time to think about what we need to get through the day and how difficult it can be to obtain the necessities of life if one is living on the margins.

"We at Harvard get so much from our host communities, and this is an opportunity for us to give something back," he said.

Abernathy spoke about growing up during the Great Depression and what that experience taught him about the value of a helping hand. In his case, this included receiving a scholarship to Harvard and a traveling scholarship that enabled him to study in Europe.

representatives to be especially persistent with members of the faculty.

"If you have to deal with difficult faculty members, remember that we have good hearts. Just nag the devil out of us until we return our pledge cards."

Hardie spoke about his agency, Roxbury Youthworks, which provides clinical, outreach, employment training, and referral services to high-risk, court-involved minority youth. He said that his approach is to see at-risk youth not as the problem, but as "victims and symptoms of communities that are not whole."

But while the inner city has many problems, it is not as bad as the image portrayed by the news media, Hardie said.

"The inner cities are not in great shape, but there are a lot of things going on, a lot of resources that we're oblivious to. Some of the poorest communities are rich in other ways."

Radcliffe V.P. Nelson To Head UCLA Public Policy School

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through the Reframing Initiative. I am grateful to everyone who made my tenure here so rewarding."

As the chief officer for academic programs at the College, Nelson provided leadership, strategic planning, and oversight and evaluation for the College's portfolio of education, research, and public policy programs, and served as an *ex officio* member of the board of trustees.

At Harvard, she taught a course on women and politics to undergraduates in the Government Department. Among Nelson's academic contributions during her tenure at Radcliffe was her direction of the National Diversity and Problem Solving Summer School, the only multidisciplinary workshop for curriculum enhancement for professional and graduate schools in the country.

Nelson's tenure at Radcliffe has been marked by creative academic leadership. To develop opportunities for the College to move to a new level in its educational programming and in its contributions to research and policy, Nelson worked closely with Wilson to reorganize the College and to reframe its educational mission.

The reorganization of the College into two major branches — Radcliffe Educational Programs and Radcliffe Institutes for Advanced Study — will increase the impact of the College's previously successful, but disparate, programs. The reshaping of the educational program will address the evolving interests and needs of students in a rapidly changing world. Nelson has played a critical role in the first year of implementation of the plans, engaging broad staff participation in several working groups to develop specific ideas and plans. Undergraduates are the first beneficiaries: expanded and redesigned Radcliffe Research Partnership, Externship, and Mentor Programs are already in place. Tamar March, former vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at New England College, has been recruited to the position of Dean of Radcliffe Educational Programs and director of Radcliffe Undergraduate Programs.

Nelson came to Radcliffe College in 1994 from the University of Minnesota where she was a professor at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the director of the institute's Center for Women and Public Policy.

Her writings include four books and more than 50 chapters and articles. She is coauthor Najma Chowdhury won the 1991 Victoria Schuck Prize for *Women and Politics Worldwide*. In 1989, Nelson and historian Sara Evans won the Policy Studies Organizations Prize for the best book in the field of policy analysis for *Wage Justice: Comparable Worth and the Paradox of Technocratic Reform*.

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Librarians Riedlmayer and Spurr Honored for Work in Sarajevo

Ken Gewertz
Gazette Staff

On Oct. 21, Andras Riedlmayer and Jeffrey Spurr, librarians in Harvard's Fine Arts Library, were honored at the White House for their efforts to build library collections in Sarajevo that were destroyed in the Bosnian conflict.

While the White House visit and their meeting with Hillary Clinton was exciting and inspiring, both are emphatic that recognition is far from their motivation in undertaking such work.

For Riedlmayer the reason can largely be summarized in a name: Aida Buturovic.

Buturovic was a librarian and a candidate who was killed in the shelling of Sarajevo's National University Library in August 1992, when Serb gunners blasted the library with incendiary grenades, igniting a fire that raged for three days and destroyed 90 percent of the library's 1.5 million volumes. Buturovic was killed by a shell as she returned home after trying with others to save rare books and manuscripts.

People sometimes ask me if I am worried about books. "So many human beings have died and suffered," Riedlmayer said. "My answer is to point to Aida Buturovic, because the two are inseparable."

Riedlmayer is Islamic art and literature bibliographer in the Khan Program in the Fine Arts Library. He and colleague Jeffrey Spurr, Islamic art cataloger, have been active in a world effort to rebuild the Sarajevo library, as well as other cultural institutions of the war-torn city, including the Oriental Institute. The collection of priceless manuscripts was almost completely destroyed in May 1992.

Spurr has helped to organize an effort to send duplicate books

from Widener Library to the National and University Library in Sarajevo. With the support of Sidney Verba, University Library Director, the project is off to an auspicious start and may eventually include other Harvard libraries.

Because nearly all of the Sarajevo Library's collection was destroyed, there is a great need for books of all types. "They have a complete rebuilding process ahead of them, so Shakespeare is as important as economic theory," Spurr said.

But on the other hand, he added, "We didn't want Bosnia to become a dumping ground for useless books."

To prevent such indiscriminate donations, a team of Harvard retirees is being organized, headed by Alan Erickson, retired librarian in the Cabot Science Library and chairman of the Harvard Retirees Association. These volunteers will cull Widener's offerings and select appropriate materials.

Meanwhile, Riedlmayer and Irvin Schick, a lecturer on engineering sciences, are directing the Bosnian Manuscript Ingathering Project, which aims to restore at least a portion of the manuscripts lost when the Oriental Institute was destroyed. Since many of the manuscripts have been photocopied by scholars, there is a good chance that many of them can be recovered at least in facsimile form. The group has its own site on the World Wide Web:

(<http://www.applcom.com/manu/ingather.htm>) and welcomes communication from anyone around the world with information on copies of destroyed original manuscripts.

Riedlmayer and Spurr have also been working with William Lindsay, assistant director and chief financial officer of Harvard University Press (HUP), on another project which aims to rebuild Sarajevo's National and University Library's collection of more recent materials.

With the encouragement of President Neil L. Rudenstine, HUP is donating two copies of every volume in print to the National and University Library. Lindsay and Spurr have been waging a campaign to convince other university presses to take similar steps. At this time, M.I.T. Press and Chicago University Press have both pledged to make donations. Lindsay, who is a director of the Association of American University Presses, plans to address a meeting of the group in November and hope to convince other presses to join the effort.

"I think that if we can reach a critical mass, we'll be able to convince all the association's members to make contributions," Lindsay said.

For his efforts on behalf of Bosnia's libraries, Lindsay was also recognized at the White House ceremony last week.

The transfer of books to Sarajevo is being handled by the Sabre Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Cambridge which provides educational support to countries in Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, and selected countries in other regions of the world. Sabre's activities include book donation, library support, technical assistance, translation and publication projects, and international scholarly conferences.

As Riedlmayer explains, the urgent need to help that is motivating so many people to take part in these efforts stems not only from the desire to replace books and manuscripts, but to restore a multi-ethnic heritage that nearly succumbed to bigotry and hatred.

For many years, Muslims, Christians, and Jews occupied Sarajevo in relative harmony. The city's libraries and archives were established in large measure to bear witness to the diversity that characterized its population. It was just this diversity that the Serbian nationalists sought to



Official White House photo

Present at a White House event honoring projects providing assistance to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina were (left to right): Andras Riedlmayer, bibliographer in the Harvard Fine Arts Library; Sven Aikatal, ambassador, Embassy of Bosnia-Herzegovina; First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton; and Jeffrey Spurr, Cataloger in the Harvard Fine Arts Library. Also present at the ceremony: William Lindsay, assistant director and chief financial officer of Harvard University Press.

eradicate as part of their program of ethnic cleansing.

"They wanted to erase the history that was evidence of successful coexistence. The Serbian nationalists even went so far as to destroy their own history," Riedlmayer said.

Not only is this destruction of history a tragedy, it is also illegal, according to internationally accepted laws. The Hague Convention of 1954 declared it a crime to destroy libraries, museums, and architectural monuments that are not being used for military purposes. The Geneva Convention of 1977 reaffirmed this declaration.

tion, providing criminal penalties for those who deliberately attack cultural institutions.

Students from Harvard Law School are now gathering evidence to prove that the libraries and archives of Sarajevo were deliberately attacked. If the indictment is successful, it will be the first time an international court prosecutes individuals for crimes against culture.

"I hope it will have a deterrent effect on the attacking of civilian targets in general, not only libraries and museums, but hospitals and schools as well," Riedlmayer said.

Philosopher Appiah to Share Writing Insights at Faculty Lecture Series

language and perceptions finding a single term, such as "postmodernism" pose enormous challenges for scholars. So how do they go about constructing essays on such complex subjects?

It will be the topic of a talk by Anthony Appiah, professor of African-American studies and philosophy, as part of the Gordon Faculty Lecture Series on the Craft of Scholarly Writing, on Friday, Nov. 7, at 4 p.m. in the Music Auditorium.

Appiah, who has co-written a new book, *Color Conscious*, with Amy Gutman, Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor and dean of the faculty at Princeton.

In his speech, "The Scholarly Essay: Writing as a Philosopher," Appiah wants to talk about how one writes for an educated public.

"The topic is about how to address people who aren't philosophers," Appiah said. "I'd like to discuss engaging one's professional skills without being dif-

ferent that's distinctive. You use professional knowledge but you can't use the normal professional language.

"I try to show people that the complexities philosophers worry about do matter," he continued, "but also, this needs to be done with a disciplinary humility. Everybody has things to say."

This is the second year for the lecture series, which features a different Harvard faculty member each semester. The series is

graduate writing at Harvard, Nancy Sommers, Sosland Director of Expository Writing, concluded that students not only want writing to be a more visible part of their education, but wish that faculty members would talk more about themselves as writers.

Students were interested to know how scholars choose what projects to take on and how do they begin them? How does writing differ — in its guiding ques-

"I wanted faculty members to present glimpses of themselves as writers at work, as a way to answer these questions," Sommers said. The lectures have been a great success.

"After hearing history professor Mark Kishlansky last fall, and Dudley Herschbach, the Frank I. Baird Jr. Professor of Science, last spring, I heard students say, 'I can't wait to go back and write.' After all, writing is the one acti-

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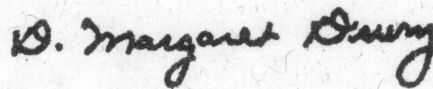
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