

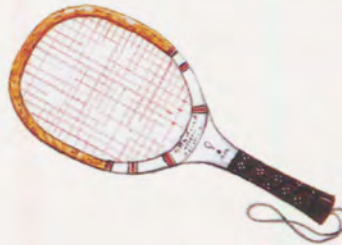
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## *The Adnan Khashoggi Center*

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*at last - a special place for  
sports and convocations!*

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# Campus News

## American Legacy: Women and the Washington College of Law

**T**he Women and the Law Project of the Washington College of Law (WCL) is a unique program born of an unusual heritage.

Proposed by faculty members who want to establish a living recollection of the founding of the WCL by two women, the project addresses particular issues of the law facing women today.

The United Methodist Church supplied the initial grant money for the project in 1983.

WCL professors Janet Spragens and Herman Schwartz cochair the program that administers the Women and the Law Project, directed by Ann Shalleck. The functions of the project are threefold, according to Shalleck: establishment of a clinic concentrating on family law issues; program development within the law school curriculum; and additional community outreach, such as WCL Founder's Day events last spring which focused on women within the legal profession, and a fall 1984 conference for legal educators concerned with teaching women's legal studies.

### Clinic Established

In the fall Shalleck will conduct a year-long clinic for six third-year law students who have made special application to the Women and the Law Project. Students will follow cases from beginning to end, an opportunity not available at

most law schools. Students will average twenty hours of clinic work per week, in addition to taking a three-hour seminar on the theory of advocacy.

Child-support enforcement and family violence issues will constitute the majority of cases. Referrals will be made directly from the District of Columbia courts. Shalleck believes that the clinic will demonstrate how the law and its institutions affect women, particularly poor women who are heads of households.

### Statistics Show Project Needed

Over the last decade and a half, courts and legislatures nationwide have begun to address how women are affected by the law and its institutions. Speaking to the third annual WCL Women's Law Association luncheon last February, Judge Gladys Kessler of the Family Division, D.C. Superior Court, estimated that 90 percent of the 8.4 million single-parent families in the United States are headed by women. In 1981 the Census Bureau reported that of these families, 25 percent received some child-support payment, 47 percent received full payment, and 28 percent received no payment at all. More than half of the fathers of these families were failing to provide the court-ordered support payment.

A study by the Washington-based Children's Defense Fund revealed that 12 million children live in female-headed households, and more than 56 percent of these households



*Emma M. Gillett*



*Ellen Spencer Mussey*

fall below the poverty line established by the Census Bureau. In 1981 more than two-thirds of Black and Hispanic female-headed households nationwide fell below the poverty line. This growing "feminization of poverty" means that the laws pertaining to poor people directly affect women and, therefore, women must identify and correct those laws and practices that have contributed to their lower status.

### Heritage of the WCL

Founded in 1896 by Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma M. Gillett, the law school was established "primarily for women," according to its charter. In 1896 women could practice law in the District of Columbia, but they were denied admittance to four out of the five law schools in the area. The WCL was the first law school in the United States to be founded by women, and until the 1940s only women served as deans. Six

women comprised the first graduating class; the entire student body totaled only eleven—ten women and one man. Today the student body is over 50 percent female and the faculty, 24 percent female, a high percentage compared to the ratios of other law schools.

Shalleck graduated from Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor degree and has worked for the National Legal Resource Center for Child Advocacy of the American Bar Association as well as with legal services in Philadelphia. Under her direction the Women and the Law Project provides an enriching link between AU and the Washington, D.C., community. In addition, it establishes a forum for the concerns of women as law students and future lawyers and reaffirms the purposes of founders Mussey and Gillett almost ninety years ago.

—Kathryn Stafford



## War, Peace, and Press Talk Hosted

**T**he next war in the Middle East will be carried live if we can only find a sponsor," remarked NBC News correspondent Marvin Kalb, characterizing the impact of television on news reporting.

The occasion for his remark was a symposium held on The American University campus last semester on "War, Peace, and the News," moderated by School of Communication adjunct professor and Pulitzer Prize winner Nick Kotz. A capacity crowd was in attendance, and the cable television network C-Span videotaped the discussion for a later showing on national television.

The other panelists were Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan), chair of the Congressional Military Reform Caucus, Michael Burch, assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, James Fallows, Wash-

ington editor of *The Atlantic*, and James McCartney, national security correspondent for Knight-Ridder newspapers.

The problems facing the print media, television reporters, and elected and appointed government officials appear to have much in common, according to the panelists; namely, oversimplification of complicated questions that require quick resolution.

The issue of oversimplification was cited as a near occupational hazard to officials and reporters alike. Kalb remarked that "because of the growth of television news, . . . everything tends to be terribly compressed. . . . compression is an act of oversimplification."

Kassebaum pointed to television as causing the greatest problem for elected officials because "it doesn't allow us any perspective . . . as a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, I find we are frequently sought out if we want

to give some comment which will cause us to be a part of the controversy of the news. And if we don't choose to do that, then what opinions we have tend to be left aside."

The possibility of oversimplifying complex issues can lead to other problems for a reporter, according to Fallows—"to look for conspiracies." Burch agreed, stating that "the press approaches every military operation as if it were some sort of scandal or that television has the idea that if you can't take a picture of it, it isn't news." Alluding to the U.S. military invasion of Grenada last October, he stated that the aims of the U.S. government in barring the press were twofold: the security of the mission and the protection of American lives. The perceived conflict is between the press's obligation to inform the public and its regard for security and, perhaps, its patriotism. Burch commented that although mem-

bers of the press were permitted to accompany troops during World War II on the D-Day invasion, they were not involved until about the fifth wave of combatants, they were in uniform and given officer ranks, and they were strictly censored by the military.

Resolutions offered by the panelists focused on the power of television to inform visually. McCartney emphasized the "educational function" of the press, which shouldn't be ignored and which the press has been reluctant to take on. He commented that television can perform this function better than the print media by showing how things work and what they look like. Burch, too, looked beyond the print media for the answers, stating that the "new satellite technology" will encourage more and detailed coverage.

—Kathryn Stafford





## Literature Department Offers Visiting Writers Series

**W**hen Allen Ginsberg conducted a writing workshop in poetry this spring, he asked the audience to come up with short poems on the spot.

"He wouldn't let anyone in the room off the hook," says Henry Taylor, director of American's graduate program in creative writing.

Ginsberg is one of a half-dozen nationally known writers who participated in this year's Visiting Writers Series. All writers in this annual series give readings from their works—poetry or fiction—while two each semester also conduct week-long workshops.

The workshops are small, typically for ten or fifteen people. "They're primarily aimed at students in the graduate creative writing program," says Taylor, "but not exclusively." Slots that aren't filled by MFA students are open to the general public, contingent upon manuscript review by Taylor.

In addition to Ginsberg, visiting writers this year were Brad Leithauser, George Starbuck, Alice McDermott, and R.H.W. Dillard. The program also included a special panel discussion with James Laughlin, writer and publisher of *New Directions*; Mitchel Levitas, editor of the *New York Times Book Review*; and Robert Towers, novelist and well-known reviewer of fiction.

Each year selection of visitors is handled by a group of faculty members, with recommendations by MFA students.

"We're looking not just for well-known writers—we're looking for well-known writers who are also known to be effective teachers of their craft," says Taylor.

He advocates having "a real spread" as far as what and how the writers teach.

Taylor wanted Ginsberg "not only because he is a major figure in the history of recent American literature, but because we approach the writing of poetry—and therefore probably the teaching of poetry—from nearly opposite directions."

Says Taylor: "He has a lot of reservations about the effectiveness of MFA programs, so I brought him here with the knowledge that he'd shake things up a bit. What I didn't foresee was the wonderfully high level of energy and generosity—and *carefulness* that he brought to the workshop every day."

The workshops are typically held in the late afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of a given week; Wednesday night is reserved for a reading from the writer's works, a presentation open to the public without charge.

So far, plans for 1984-85 call for:

\*a reading by poet Harvey Shapiro, who until recently was editor of the *New York Times Book Review*;

\*a workshop by Linda Pastan, a poet from Potomac, Md., who has published widely, was nominated for The American Book Award last

year, and who has filled in for Taylor and Professor Myra Sklarew in workshops they teach regularly;

\*a workshop by novelist Richard Price.

—Lenny Granger

## Basketball Conference Slated to Change

**B**eginning next season, The American University basketball team will be switching from the East Coast Conference to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference-Southern Division (ECAC).


The Eagles will compete against George Mason University, the U.S. Naval Academy, The College of William and Mary, The University of Richmond, James Madison University, East Carolina University, and The University of North Carolina at Wilmington in the ECAC. All teams, according to Fran Dunphy, assistant basketball coach at AU, are highly competitive and the ECAC is ranked eleventh among the twenty-eight NCAA Division I conferences.

"We are excited about competing in the ECAC," says Robert Frailey, director of AU athletics. "We believe the seven universities we are joining share a common commitment to athletics and its place within an educational institution. There can be no doubt of the athletic and academic excellence of the conference members, and we feel this move will be a very positive step for our entire program."



Allen Ginsberg meets with students after giving a poetry reading on campus last semester.





## Election '84: the Constituency, the Media, the Polls


**F**or some, election day results are simply a matter of who receives the most votes. But for five AU professors who spoke at an Alumni Weekend panel discussion, the equation is a more complicated one.

Answering the question, "Election '84: What Makes the Difference?," the five experts approached the 1984 political scene from widely divergent perspectives.

Washington College of Law Professor O'Neal Smalls asked the audience of alumni and their families to examine whether minorities and the poor are on the candidates' "starting roster."

Jesse Jackson's candidacy, Smalls observed, "has had both an invigorating and sobering impact on both Democratic politics and politics in general."

Smalls characterized the Jackson candidacy as "a continuation of the emancipation process" and "an attempt to spark hope, to build faith, and to keep the dream alive"—not "merely a presidential campaign."



**A**djunct Professor Elisabeth Griffith (CAS/PhD'81) noted that "the gender gap was invisible until the Reagan candidacy." Griffith, who teaches

history and is also cochair of the bipartisan Women's Campaign Fund, pointed out that "the response of the president has been to ignore it."


"The White House pollsters and political advisers have claimed that the gender gap is a problem of 'perceptions', that if women understood what the president has done for them in this country they would support him in record numbers. Frankly, even as a Republican, I find that a hard case to establish."

Noting that many women voted Democratic in 1980 out of anger over Ronald Reagan's stance on the Equal Rights Amendment, Griffith asked, "How many more women are there who might be offended by current presidential policy? And are there enough who will switch to a Democratic column to make a difference?"

Griffith pointed out that more women than men voted in 1980. With even greater numbers of women registering now, she asserted, "this could be the year of women's new power in electoral politics."

Dr. Herbert Striner, professor of economics in the Kogod College of Business Administration, stressed the importance of electing a president who understands economic issues.

"We really have to differentiate between the candidates' mentioning the problems of economics—which they all do—and evidence indicating that they are aware of the significance of what they are talking about and have proposals for dealing with these problems."



**T**he fact that every one of the candidates refers to unemployment, tax policy, and so on, does not mean they necessarily have a significant feel for the magnitude of the problem, nor that they have any realistic plans to deal with it."

Asked communications dean Frank Jordan, "If a tree falls in the forest and it is not on the seven p.m. news, did it actually fall? Maybe," he answered, "but who cares?"


Jordan, who has been a correspondent for NBC, noted that "this is the age of the media, free and paid, in politics. . . . It has been growing since 1960, until today, when we have the most media-adept president in our history. It is the age of the symbiotic relationship between the press and the politicians."

He feels that there is "nothing intrinsically wrong with electing a president with the aid of the media. . . . The media concentration on the electoral process has broadened the participation of the people of this country in that process. The broad base of the American people play a much greater role these days in the electing of their president than they did in the past."

Jordan told the audience about a recent "entry poll" he took among incoming AU freshmen, asking whom they would vote for in November. "First, we held a Democratic primary. Gary Hart won that."

"Then, we held the presidential elections, and the winner by one vote . . . was Ronald Reagan. Lee Iacocca received one vote; Harold

Stassen, bless him, received a single vote; and someone named 'Ultraman' received the other."



**T**he accuracy of a pollster's predictions has a lot to do with the questions asked, explained Richard Smolka (SGPA/BA'59; MA'61; PhD'66), political science professor at the School of Government and Public Administration.

"The question that is asked, invariably, goes something like this: 'If the election were being held today. . . .' The election is *not* being held today; the premise is inaccurate. It is misleading."

"It is almost the same as if I asked each of you, 'if you were buying a car today, what car would you buy?' and you had to answer right away. Today you might buy this kind of car, but when the time comes for that decision, conditions may have changed."

What questions are more likely to result in an accurate forecast for next November? Smolka recommended that the audience ask if people feel the incumbent is doing a good job. "If that indicator is high, the chances are good that the president will run very well."

Another useful question, said Smolka, is, "for whom did you vote in 1980, and for whom do you think you will vote in 1984?"

"One of the very few Democratic pundits who predicted a big Ronald Reagan victory



in 1980 said he did it on the basis of one question, and one question only. He asked people whether they voted for Ford or Carter in 1976.

"He found very few people who voted for Ford who were switching. Since it was a close election in 1976, he simply assumed that that was not happenstance, and that Carter would be in trouble, as indeed he proved to be.

"... On the basis of those kinds of questions, it would appear to me that the 1984 race will be very close," Smolka predicted. "I don't think it's going to be a landslide." —Tracy Samuel

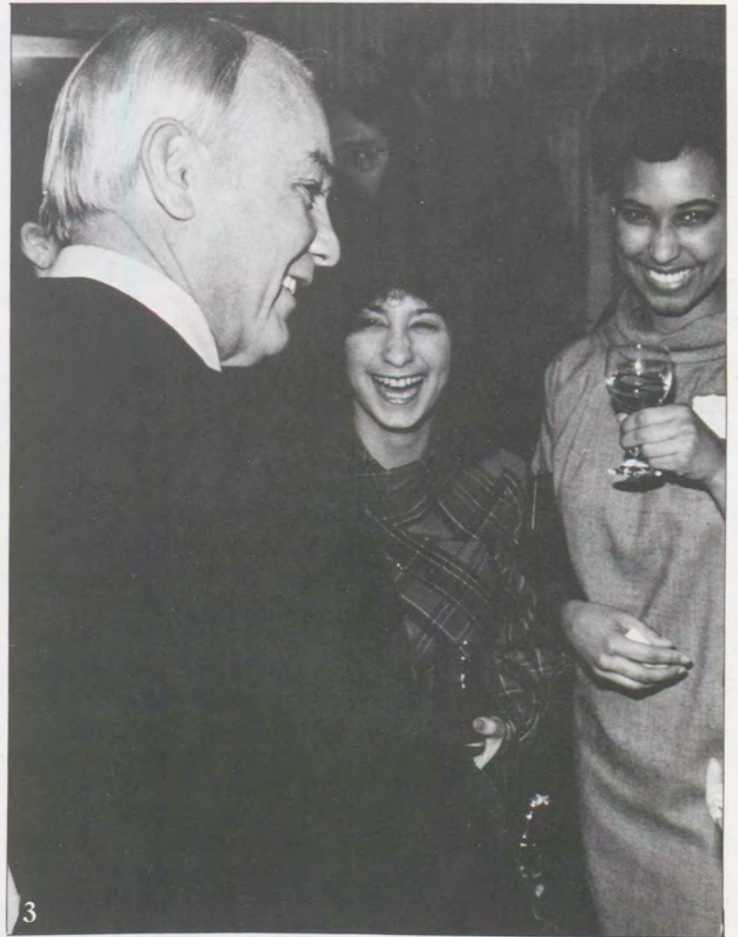


# At the Berendzens— Leaders of Today Meet Leaders of Tomorrow

1) Cheryl Adelstein and Senator Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.); 2) left to right, Michael Paris, Ken Sisko, Anthony Pell, and FBI Director William Webster; 3) former secretary of the treasury G. William Miller, Pamela Cebulski, and Pamela Cothran; 4) left to right, Secretary of Agriculture John Block, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Paul Volcker, and Darryl Jones; 5) Mitchell Hertz, Julie Kingsley, and Peace Corps Director Loret Miller Luppe.









## Commencement Day 1984

**M**ore than 1100 students received diplomas during ceremonies that marked the seventy-ninth spring commencement of The American University.

Throughout the day, AU president Richard Berendzen acknowledged the unique contribution of family members to the success of each graduate.

"Your support and devotion have helped make this day possible," he said.

"In a very real way, you share in the joy of the individual's accomplishment."

The first commencement exercises of the day were held by the Lucy Webb Hayes School of Nursing; the ceremony also marked the last commencement at which Laura Kummer officiated as dean. Kummer, who retired, was named Dean Emerita of the school.

The graduation ceremony of the Kogod College of Business

Administration marked the first commencement appearance of the college's new dean, William Peters. He told the graduates, all of whom sported carnations on their graduation gowns, that the day marked "the beginning of an education that won't end until your working careers close."

KCBA graduates also heard from Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan, who gave the commencement address after receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Regan, whose son and daughter graduated from AU, discussed the Reagan administration's economic policies.

"Eight percent growth. Four percent inflation. That's a hard act to follow," he said, "Except maybe by you."

In what has become an annual tradition, the graduates of the College of Public and International Affairs were accompanied to their commencement ceremony by the members of the Washington Scottish Pipe Band.



*Left, economist John Kenneth Galbraith chats with Lobna Ismail and AU president Richard Berendzen. Both Galbraith and Ismail addressed the graduating class of the College of Public and International Affairs.*

The CPIA commencement speaker, economist John Kenneth Galbraith, gave the graduates "a friendly warning" about a new political thought process he called "the convenient reverse logic."

This process, which he said differs from the accustomed intellectual process of moving from cause to effect, "first identifies the remedy that is most agreeable, most convenient, most in accord with major pecuniary or political interest, . . . (then) move(s) back to the cause that is most consistent with the remedy we would like to use."

Galbraith urged the graduates to reject this new process. "The logical process that you learned in your academic years here at The American University is not wrong . . . There is a certain inherent satisfaction in the proper processes of thought—in movement from actual cause to relevant response. In this world, it is also far, far safer, too."

Graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences heard television journalist Ted Koppel discuss the link between excellence and time.

Television, he said, has the potential to be "both the medium for excellence and the means for telescoping time."

"There is a universality of man that spans distance and

time and for the first time in history, it is a universality that can be seen and heard in almost every home in America. . . . We need only to apply excellence and make it understandable to revolutionize our era quickly and without violence."

CAS honored Koppel with an honorary doctor of laws degree.

National Public Radio reporter Nina Totenberg told the graduating class of the Washington College of Law that among the lawyers in her acquaintance, the "ones who have the most fun, are to one degree or another, public interest lawyers."

Totenberg, who covers the Supreme Court for the public radio network, told the new lawyers their responsibility was to society as a whole.

"Your choices are not to thrive or starve," she said.

"Yes. . . . you have an obligation to yourself and to your families. But you have an obligation to justice too. . . . that blind old lady . . . has been awaiting your arrival—and she expects you to spend some time with her."

As the day ended, the graduates, fortified by the congratulations of their families and friends, left the campus and headed out for the future.

—Mary Jo Casciato



*Graduates of the Kogod College of Business Administration prepare to line up before commencement ceremonies begin.*





# It's Official

*After more than forty years, The American University is finally going to have a home for sports and other major campus-wide events.*

*The formal announcement at the May Board of Trustees meeting touched off a wave of excitement and anticipation throughout the university community. The pages that follow capture some of that spirit.*

*The time for dreaming is past. At last The American University is about to have a special place, a true center for the campus and its community.*

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# *The Adnan Khashoggi Center*

*Plans for Sports  
and Convocation  
Center Announced*



**T**he Board of Trustees of The American University has taken a major step toward construction of a sports and convocation center for the institution.

In a briefing to campus and press representatives, held in conjunction with the trustees' May meeting, President Richard Berendzen announced that the board had given its approval to the project in response to his presentation of financial commitments totaling more than \$10 million. Construction of the center is esti-

mated at \$14 million.

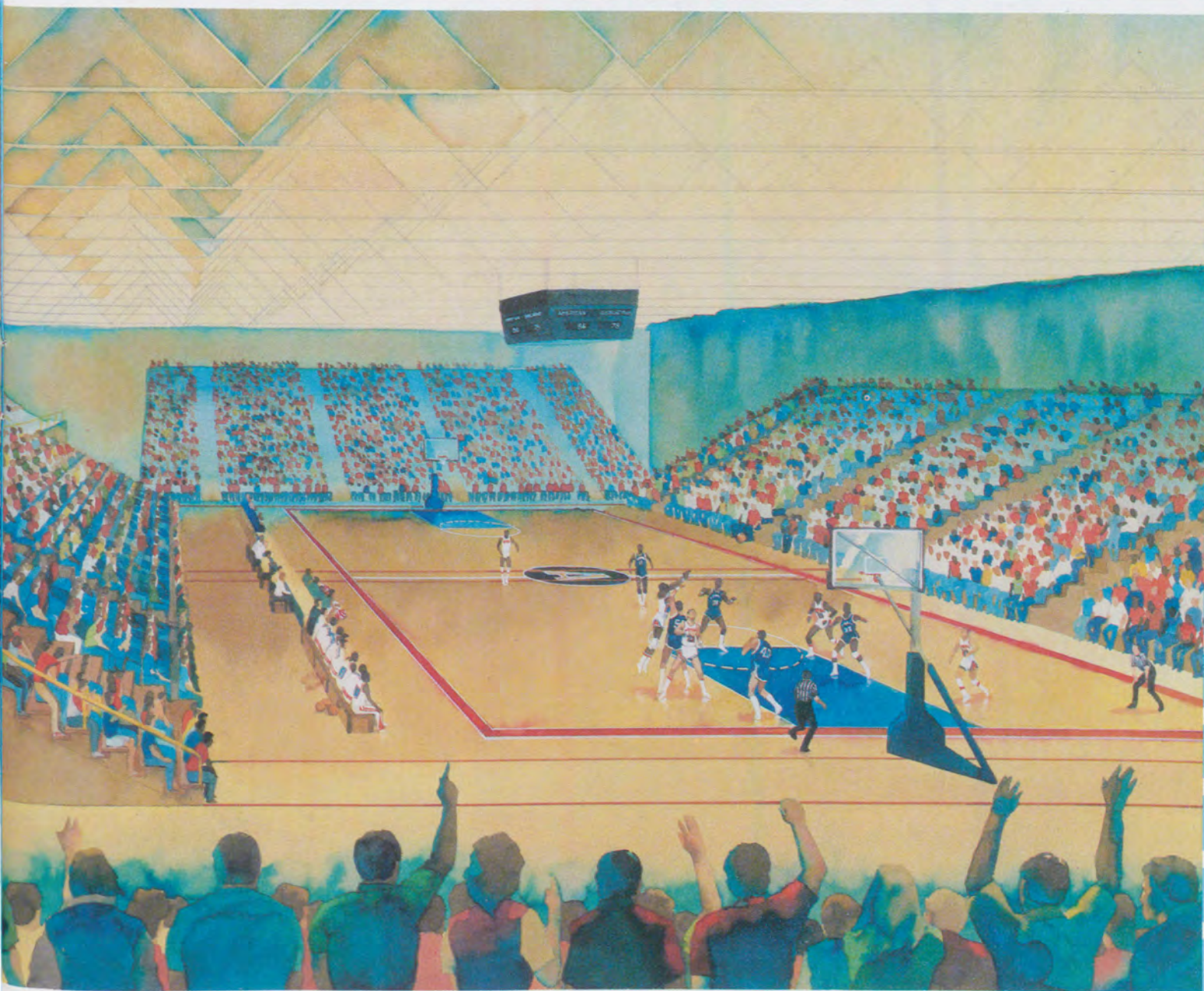
The board resolution authorizes the university administration to develop the architectural, financing, and additional fundraising plans necessary to begin construction and report these plans to the board at its meeting on October 28. The plans will provide for ceremonial groundbreaking in October 1984 and completion of the facility by late 1986.

"This is a time of joy and celebration for The American University. For more than four decades the university has

needed a comprehensive sports and convocation center. It now will have such a center . . . and a splendid one at that," said Berendzen.

In making its decision, the board accepted three major philanthropic contributions, which together make up more than half of the total fundraising goal. To show its appreciation of these gifts, the board will name the center itself and its two major components in honor of these donors—Adnan Khashoggi, the Bender Family, and John Mercer Reeves.





*The Bender Arena of the Adnan Khashoggi Center will permit AU to enjoy an appropriate basketball schedule with media coverage of home events and to host championship games with seating for about 4,500.*

Also at the briefing, Donald Triezenberg, vice president for development and planning, announced that an additional \$3 million had been pledged by other trustee leaders and a small group of alumni and parent leaders.

The 100,000-square foot structure, which will have both sports and convocation capabilities, will be called the Adnan Khashoggi Center, in honor of Khashoggi, an international financier and an AU trustee.

Acknowledging Khashoggi's contribu-

tion, Berendzen said, "Adnan Khashoggi's gift makes this institutional dream come true; without it, the dream would only linger. Even though he has been a trustee of The American University for only one year, Mr. Khashoggi already has developed a deep appreciation for the institution's unique heritage and vision.

"Since The American University is an independent university, without city or state support, our revenues come almost exclusively from our own sources . . .

Thus philanthropy such as Mr. Khashoggi's is vital."

In remarks made on her father's behalf, Nabila Khashoggi said he was very proud of his association with the university.

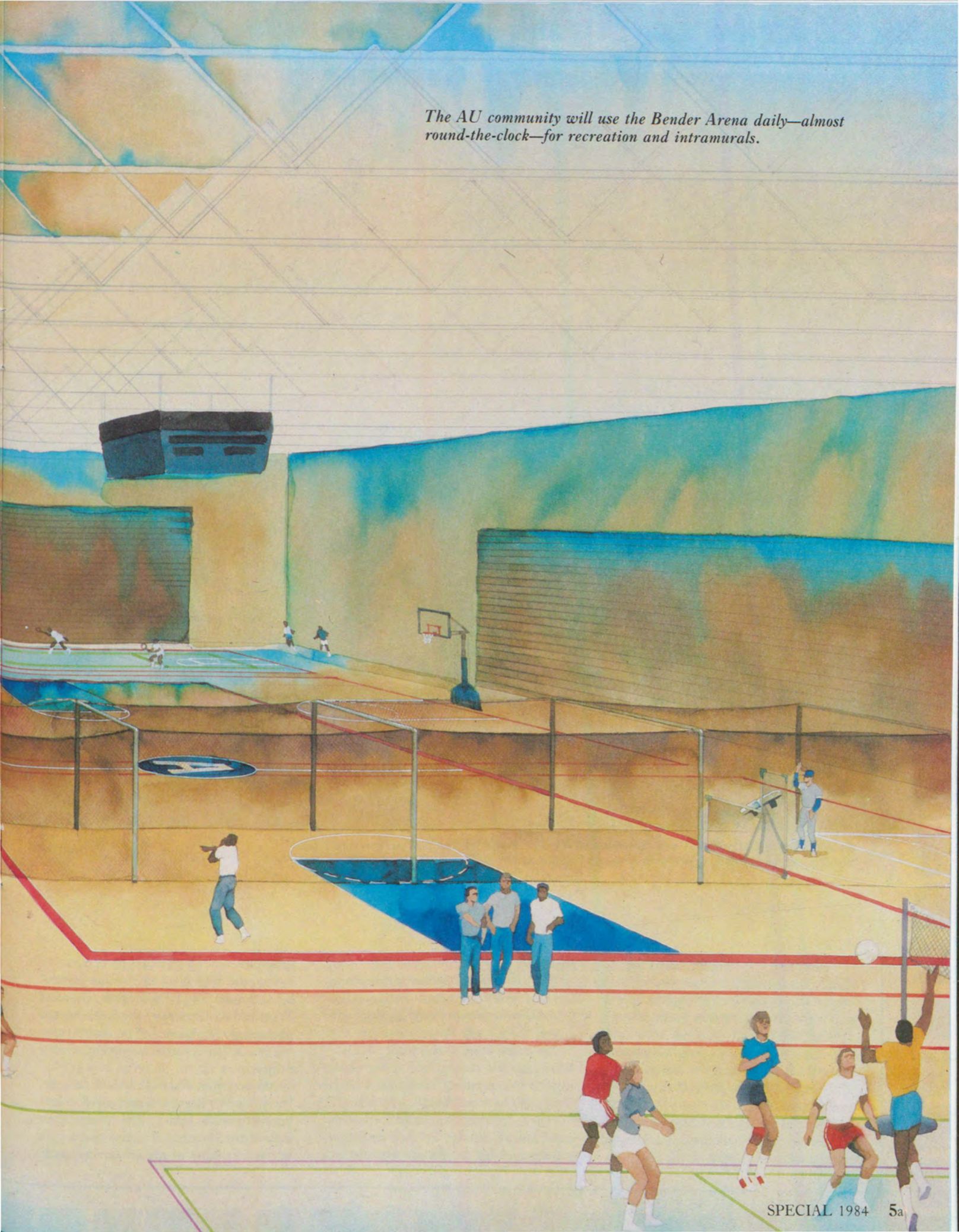
"Because he believes that no one occupies a certain place or position without having a certain duty to perform . . . he has endeavored to give of himself in the best way he knows how so that his place in relationship with you may be sealed in stone . . .



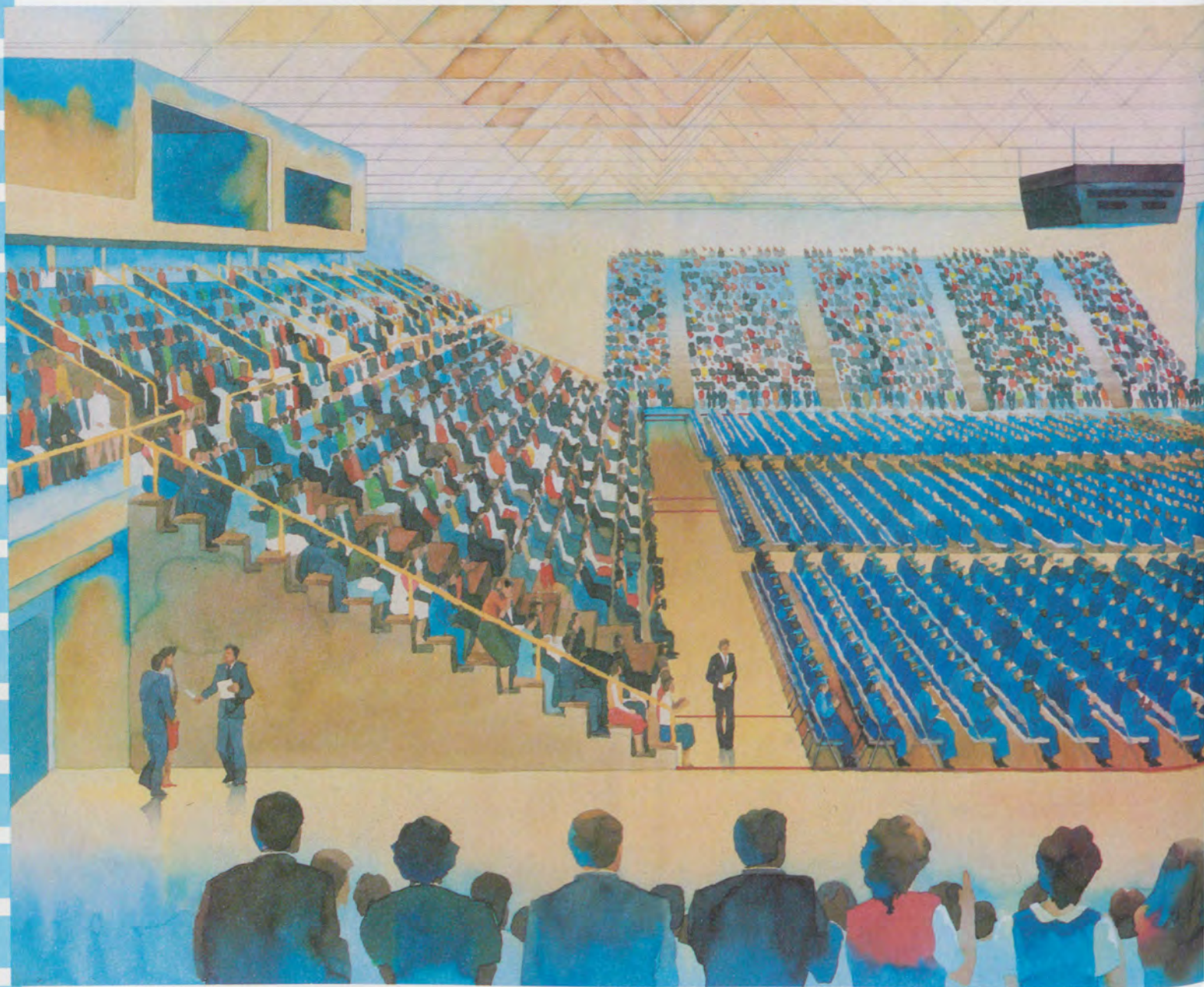




*The AU community will use the Bender Arena daily—almost round-the-clock—for recreation and intramurals.*







*In addition to sports events and commencements, the Bender Arena will accommodate university-wide registration, performances, and speakers for audiences of about 6,000.*

"My father, my family, and I are deeply moved that as a recognition of this contribution, you are naming the sports and convocation center in honor of my father," she said.

Noting that the university's students come from all 50 states and more than 125 nations, Berendzen said that AU provides important training for future commercial and political leaders around the world and valuable understanding of other countries' cultures for U.S.

students.

"Mr. Khashoggi applauds this pluralism and wishes to support such a major private, national university in the capital city of the United States.

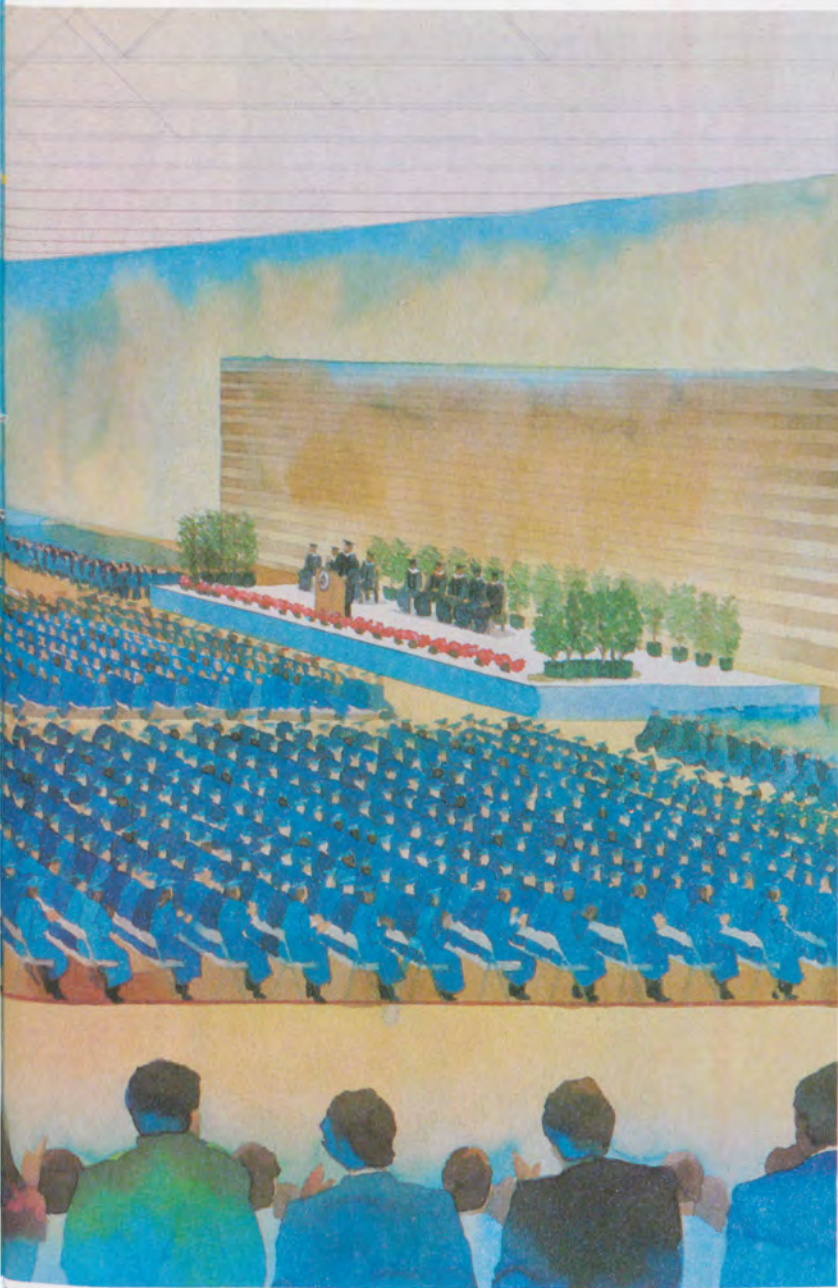
"In every sense of the word, Mr. Khashoggi has exemplified at our university the true meaning of the word philanthropy: to love mankind.

"I am also deeply grateful to Sondra and Howard Bender for their unflagging support and for the Bender Foundation's

generous naming gift for the Bender Arena, the largest portion of the center. Since Sondra Bender joined the Board of Trustees two years ago, she has been an unexcelled champion for the center, urging her fellow trustees to support the project.

"In addition, I should like to remember John M. Reeves, who provided in his will for the center. The former chairman of the Board of Trustees was a devoted member of the university com-





## Berendzen Announces Creation of Interfaith Garden

American University President Richard Berendzen has announced that "as part of the construction related to the new sports and convocation center, we shall create an Interfaith Garden, dedicated to the world's major religious faiths."

This small park will be a place for repose and contemplation. The Interfaith Garden will be located near the Adnan Khashoggi Center, the two largest components of which are the Bender Arena and the Reeves Aquatic Center.

Said Berendzen, "the ecumenical spirit of support, friendship, and philanthropy that characterizes the creation of The Center and the key names associated with it give high tribute to the university and to the donors."

"The American people are diverse and pluralistic. As benefits its name, The American University is, too. The very creation of our long-awaited Center, as well as the creation of the associated Interfaith Garden, exemplify that brotherhood, mutual respect, and diversity."

"In addition, this university has a long and rich religious heritage. The Center and the Garden will stand as permanent testaments to the institution's dedication to pluralism, diversity and faith."

munity. He valued sports and deeply wanted a center to come into being. The Reeves Aquatic Center, the second largest feature of the complex will provide a superb facility for casual swimmers and team competitors alike.

"Located physically at the center of the campus, the building literally will be *the center*. Its outstanding sports facilities will benefit all who care about athletics, physical fitness, exercise, and sportsmanship. The center also will be used for

important convocations, such as commencement, and it will provide a magnificent location for major speakers, including heads of state. It will benefit not only the university's students, faculty, and staff but also its alumni," Berendzen said.

In his presentation at the briefing, Donald Myers, treasurer and vice president for finance, displayed the conceptual drawings for the center in the context of the university's master development plan.

Myers said the firm of Daniel F. Tully Associates of Melrose, Mass., had been engaged to do the conceptual work "so that when a day like today arrived, we would know in which direction we planned to go."

Tully Associates, a nationally recognized architectural/engineering firm, specializes in the design of university athletic facilities. The company's most recent Washington project was the Yates Field House at Georgetown University.





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*Members of the AU community present at the press briefing on the plans for the proposed Adnan Khashoggi Center included: 1) left to right, Sondra Bender, AU president Richard Berendzen, SC president Darryl Jones, and Nabila Khashoggi; 2) left to right, Board of Trustees members Nancy H. Dickerson and Ursula Meese; 3) National Advisory Board member and Managing Director Emeritus of the Washington Performing Arts Society Patrick Hayes; 4) Alumni donors, left, Joe Wisemiller and, right, Alan Meltzer with President Berendzen.*



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# Donors Make Dream a Reality

“... **F**or you have done more than support a single University in a cardinal way ... You have built a center, fulfilled a dream, and touched time.”

—President Richard Berendzen  
in a letter to Adnan Khashoggi

Thanks to the generosity of two present-day trustees Adnan Khashoggi and Sondra Bender, the dream of the late John Mercer Reeves will finally be realized.

Reeves, a university trustee from 1944 to 1966, believed that a strong recreational program was a vital part of any

university. During his tenure as an AU trustee, the North Carolina textile manufacturer underwrote the cost of the Reeves athletic field and the construction of the tennis courts. At his death in 1976, he left the university a bequest for the proposed field house.

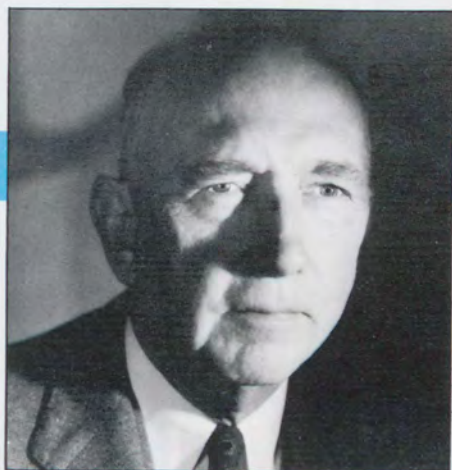
Khashoggi, the naming gift donor, is the son of a Saudi Arabian physician. He is personally interested in health and fitness as well as in the education of young people. He has already demonstrated his commitment to education by establishing the Adnan Khashoggi Scholarship at the university to provide full tuition assistance to an academically able but financially needy student.

Khashoggi's other educational affiliations include board membership of the

Victoria College Association and national advisory council membership for the University of Utah. He also is a founding director of the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

Bender and her family also have demonstrated a strong commitment to education in general and to AU in particular. The Bender Foundation was the principal benefactor for the Bender Library and the funding source for the preliminary drawings of the center.

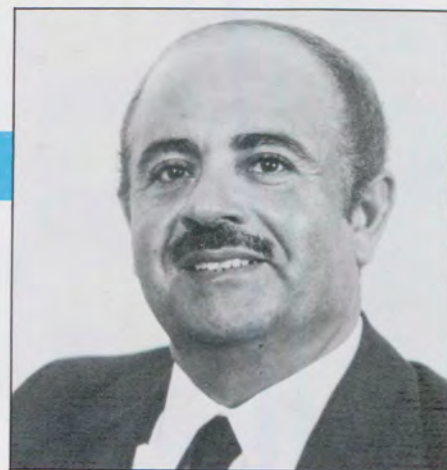
In addition to her work with AU, Bender has been active in Washington area business and community affairs, including the First Women's Bank of Maryland, the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, and the American Heart Association.



*John Mercer Reeves*



*Sondra Bender*



*Adnan Khashoggi*



In the following discussion, Donald G. Triezenberg, vice president for development and planning, and Donald L. Myers, vice president for finance and treasurer, highlight construction and fund-raising plans for the Adnan Khashoggi Center.

# We're On

**QUESTION** Precisely where will the Khashoggi Center be located on campus?

**MYERS** In back of Mary Graydon Center, extending to where the tennis courts are currently located and will remain. This area is now a parking lot and roadway through the campus. The facility is being planned with a new campus main roadway running through the structure and, of course, the lost parking spaces will be recaptured in the new parking garage.

**Q** Who will design the facility?

**M** We have engaged the architectural firm of Daniel F. Tully Associates,

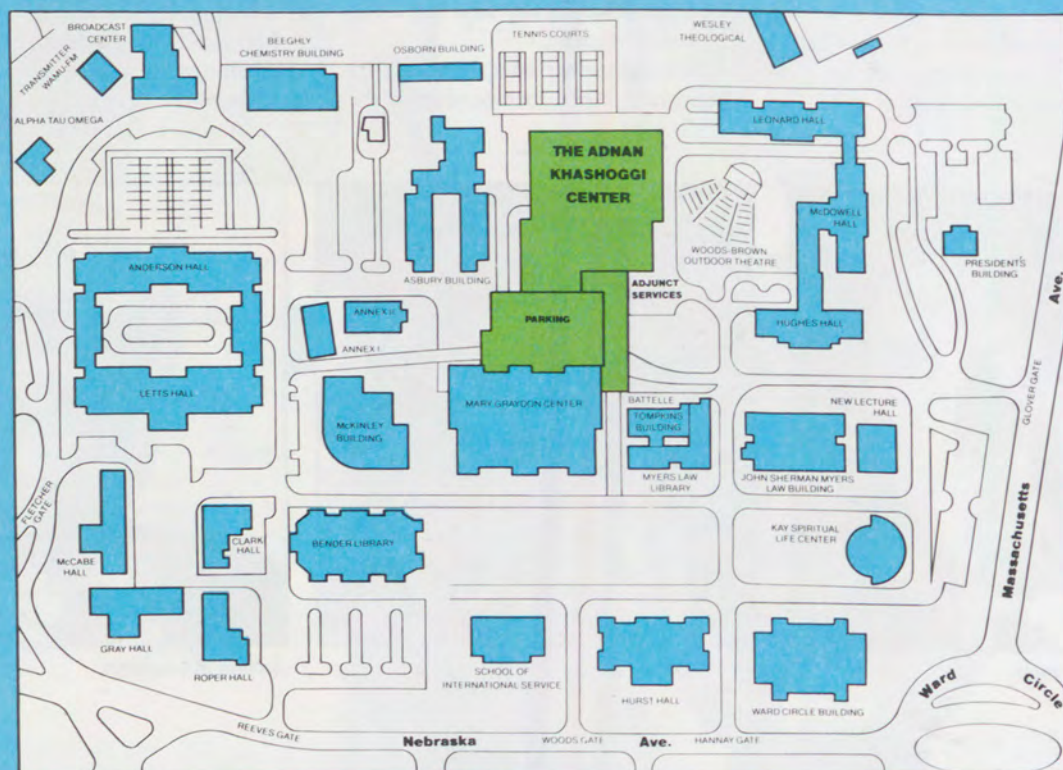
Inc. of Melrose, Mass. This firm has extensive experience in designing collegiate athletic facilities, with more than forty such structures to its credit.

**Q** What facilities will be included in the new center?

**M** The single largest feature will be the arena which will seat approximately 4,500 for sporting events and 6,000 for convocations. The center will also have an eight-lane, twenty-five-meter swimming pool with separate diving well, five racquetball courts, jogging, weightlifting, and numerous other fitness facilities. A parking garage which will accommodate approximately 425 cars, and various adjunct service facilities will also be part of the structure.

**Q** What is the time frame for construction of the facility?

**M** Our next step is the detailed design phase of the center. We must also apply for zoning authorization to construct the building and will commission a traffic study to evaluate the impact of the facility on traffic and parking patterns. I anticipate completion of this detailed design phase for presentation to our Board of Trustees in October 1984. Actual construction should begin in early 1985 with completion expected in late 1986.





# Our Way

❓ How close are we to reaching our goal of \$14 million?

**TRIEZENBERG** More than 75 percent of our goal has already been met by fewer than twenty-five donors—trustees, alumni association leaders, and parents. Because this strong leadership exists within the university family, we're confident that we can reach our goal.

❓ Who will provide the rest of the money?

✔ Several more trustees, alumni, and parents will come forward with leadership gift commitments, as will a few corporations and foundations. I hope that student, faculty, and staff leadership will also develop. After the groundbreaking for the new building, these donors will provide the leadership committees for a general campaign to reach all alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and students.

❓ The building itself, the arena, and the aquatic center have been named for the three major donors. Will other areas of the building be named in honor of other donors?

✔ All major donors will have the opportunity to receive recognition through the naming of classrooms, coaches' offices, raquetball courts, team rooms, and other special purpose rooms. Gifts for equipment and furnishings will be recognized also.

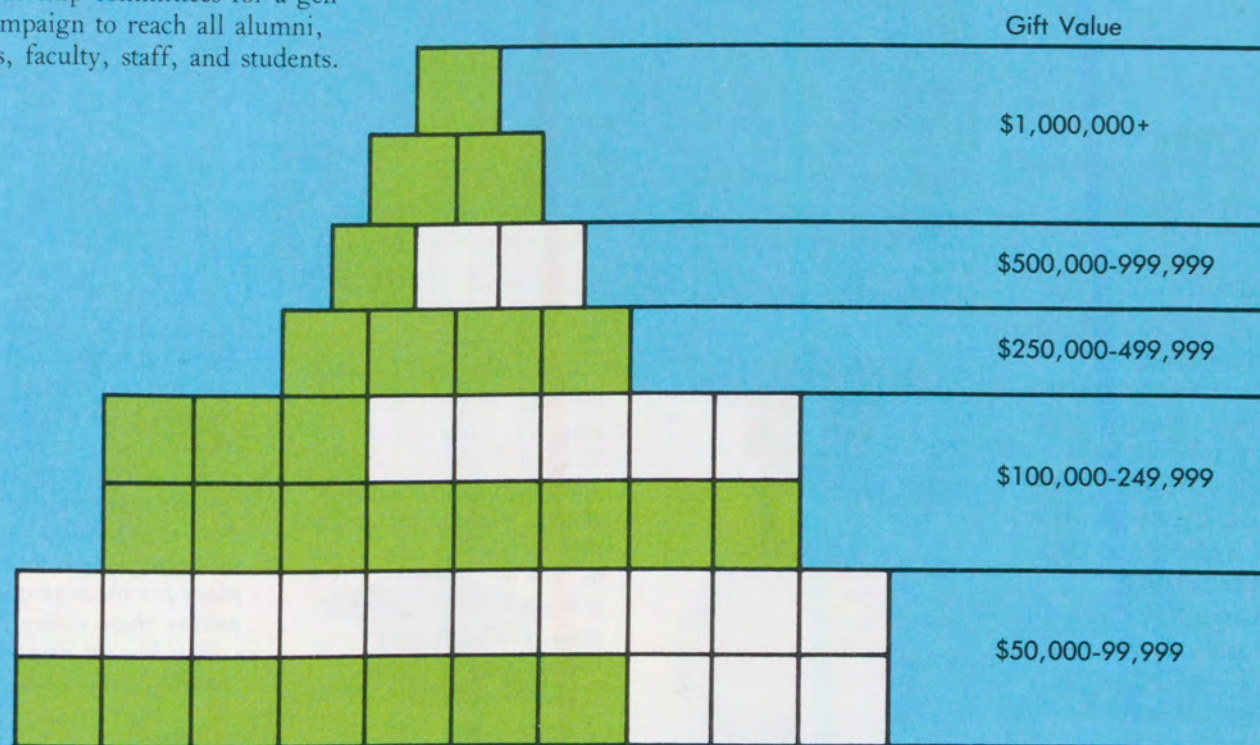
❓ Will there be recognition for Staff Cassell and Marc Splaver, people who played important roles in developing the athletic programs at AU?

✔ Small memorial funds for each of these outstanding individuals already

exist. I hope we will soon have leadership committees soliciting additional gifts for these funds and selecting appropriate areas of the building for naming honors.

❓ How does this fundraising effort fit into The American University's total giving program?

✔ Completing the fundraising for this project is just the beginning. In 1993 The American University will be 100 years old. We have a lot of work to do to complete the first century of fundraising.





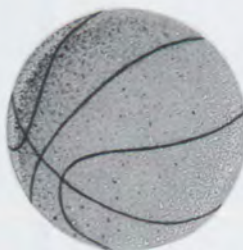
Among the members of the university community, reaction to the proposed Adnan Khashoggi Center is overwhelmingly positive:

With the space to handle speakers that draw really big crowds, like a presidential candidate or a well-known political figure, it (the center) will really put the university on the map. It's the best thing I've heard of for the university and it will be something to be proud of . . . We'll get a lot more recognition.

—Mike Paris, director, Kennedy Political Union, CPIA'86

It will give us the chance to offer some new courses that we haven't had a chance to offer before. And, of course, there are the obvious benefits for recruitment too.

—Barbara Reimann, associate chair, physical education department



I think it's marvelous. I graduated twelve years ago, we needed it fifteen years ago. It will be a great thing for the university community, because it will unite the campus . . . It will definitely upgrade the level of competition, simply because there will be an arena on campus.

—Frank Herzog, sportscaster, Channel 7, CPIA'72

I think it's going to be the single most important addition to campus in the last twenty or thirty years . . . I might add that I think this is a project that the whole university community ought to contribute to. It is an important venture, and I feel it is all our responsibility to do so.

—Donald Brenner, business faculty, chair of athletic committee, university senate

## AU COMMUNITY: ENTHUSIASTIC



The sports center will be an important link in long-term recruitment. It will improve the quality of life at American and generate school spirit among students. Prospective students frequently query admissions about athletic facilities on campus. We now anticipate this question with enthusiasm.

—Maurice O'Connell, director of admissions



Even though we are well on our way to realization of our dream, we cannot rest. As with other major university achievements—the building of Bender Library, the strengthening of academic standards, the

recruiting of able students—it will take a total effort by all members of the university community to bring our dream to reality. I am confident that the university community and AU's many friends will respond.

—Richard Berendzen



Overwhelming enthusiasm, has been the response of every alum I've talked to. The sports and convocation center will give all of us—alumni, students, faculty, and staff—a place to come home to. For me personally, it's a new alumni director's dream come true.

—Bob White, director of alumni and parent relations

As a member of the university family, I feel it is something we can point to with a sense of pride. It will not only change the campus physically, it will also be a catalyst for future growth. I also hope it will bring a lot more alumni back on campus.

—Todd Epstein, CPIA'82

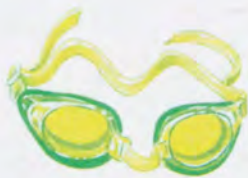


What I have seen across campus for the past four or five years is a real interest among the faculty, staff, and students in physical exercise and taking care of their bodies. This new facility will provide another place for these people to pursue these interests.

—Bob Karch, director of the health/fitness center







## The Dream is Real

by Robert H. Frailey, director of Athletics and  
chairman of the Department of Physical Education

Since Hurst Anderson put together plans to expand the original physical plant at the university, we've known that a sports and convocation center is critical to our development as a university and as a community. For forty years we've built dormitories, classroom buildings, administration buildings, libraries. Now, at last, we are building the CENTER. The university body is finally adding its heart. This building will live and breathe.

The Adnan Khashoggi Center will mean the most to our students—all of them, not just the athletes. Students are our reason for being. They are what a university is all about. This new building will be the first building our students visit as they join our university family during their first freshman registration. It will be the last building they visit as their days of study draw to a close at graduation. In the interim, their sense of community, of identity, of belonging will be enhanced by their experiences at the center, including visits by speakers, physical education classes, recreation, conferences, performances, convoca-

tions, and, of course, athletics.

The Adnan Khashoggi Center with the Bender Arena and Reeves Aquatic Center will have a profound impact on athletics. And when I use the term I don't mean American against Georgetown. I use it in a broader sense that includes recreation, intramurals, and intercollegiate competition.

The basketball team will no longer have to travel ten miles to play its "home" games. Now it can truly come home with a sense of pride. The swimming team can host more than one other team in a meet. The university can host conference championship events for the first time. Our outdoor sports will finally have an area for indoor practice.

Over our forty years of waiting, thousands of students have participated in intramural competition, often playing until midnight so an almost unlimited number of students could complete a totally inadequate schedule of games. Now our students will be able to compete and grow in this most important of programs.

Because of the demand of

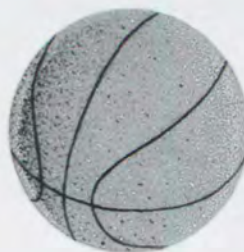
classes, intercollegiate teams, and intramural participants, virtually no time has been available for recreation. Especially in an academic institution, the need for recreation is paramount. Participation in physical activities sharpens the mental acuity needed to succeed in academic pursuits and now, not only our students, but also faculty, staff, alumni, and friends in the general community will be able to add an extremely important element to their lives. Racquetball, swimming, basketball, volleyball, jogging—the possibilities are all there. The opportunities that will be available have always been a central element of the dream.

But as great as the impact on "athletics" will be, it is only part of what the center will mean. The next chief justice of the Supreme Court who receives an honorary degree from The American University will not have to stand in a tent. The next president of the United States to make a major policy statement at our university will not have to speak on the soccer field. Graduations for our various colleges need not be spread throughout the city.

Our whole community can come home to celebrate.

In the Spring 1984 issue of *American Magazine* the dream of Staff "Pop" Cassell and his part in making that dream reality were outlined. The day for what we refer to as "Pop's Place" has finally come. From the 1930s until his death in 1961, as coach, director of athletics, administrator and friend, Pop touched many of us, and those of us who shared his dream will be playing a significant role in finishing the fundraising efforts to make the center a reality and to provide an appropriate memorial.

What will the Adnan Khashoggi Center mean? Certainly it will mean a tremendous sense of pride to our generous benefactors, whose support has made the dream a reality, to the Board of Trustees, who took the decisive steps toward realization, and to the president and the administration, who acted where others had seen only obstacles. And it will mean a tremendous sense of fulfillment for all of those who kept the dream alive through the years.





When I was at AU, the students used to hold mock groundbreaking ceremonies, and it is great to hear that there is going to be a real ceremony.

—Debbie Becker, sports reporter, *USA Today*, CAS'82



*It is really a wonderful feeling to finally see it come about. I think it will really help the basketball team, and of course, the other teams, which I really have enthusiasm for . . . It will also help the health and fitness awareness around campus.*

—Ron Sutton, communications faculty, past chair of the university senate

The Adnan Khashoggi Center will transform campus life at AU for all constituencies . . . As a faculty member, I feel that it will help me and my family (husband and four children) become more actively involved in campus life by attending more sporting events, lectures, etc. The entire AU community is indebted to Mr. Khashoggi, whose generosity made the center possible.

—Ivy Broder, economics faculty



I think it's great.

—Warner Wolf, sports editor, WCBS-TV, NY, CAS'60



I feel it is something everyone can be proud of, something we can all feel a part of. It is really important that there be a central place on campus for the entire university community. The Khashoggi Center will certainly be the center of all activity.

—Sue McCollum, CAS'84

*It's great that it's coming . . . I am really excited about what this will do for the basketball program.*  
—Ed Tapscott, men's basketball coach

I've been researching a special section for the 1985 *Talon* on old AU yearbooks, and in just about every book for the past decade or so, there has been some reference to the lack of quality sports facilities and/or student enthusiasm. The two seem to go hand in hand. I really feel the level of student enthusiasm will be greatly enhanced by the building of this new center.

—John Quale, 1984-85 *Talon* editor-in-chief, CPIA'86



*I am very excited . . . I am very pleased with the Interfaith Garden. It is something very appropriate, especially at a Methodist university.*

—James Weaver, economics faculty, president of the university senate



*We'll be going from one of the smallest (swimming) facilities in the country, to one more in line with our competition.*

—Joe Rogers, men's and women's swimming coach



*The sports center will draw interest to our campus from potential students, Washington area residents, sports fans, and others—providing a valuable asset to the public relations efforts of the university.*

—Pat Raymond, director of special events and media relations



If the success the sports teams have had so far without the center is any kind of indication, we can expect a lot more success in the future. It is a welcome addition, not only for the sports program, but also for student activities . . . It will provide a "rallying point" for the students.

—Mike Trilling, staff sports reporter, the *Washington Post*, CAS'63



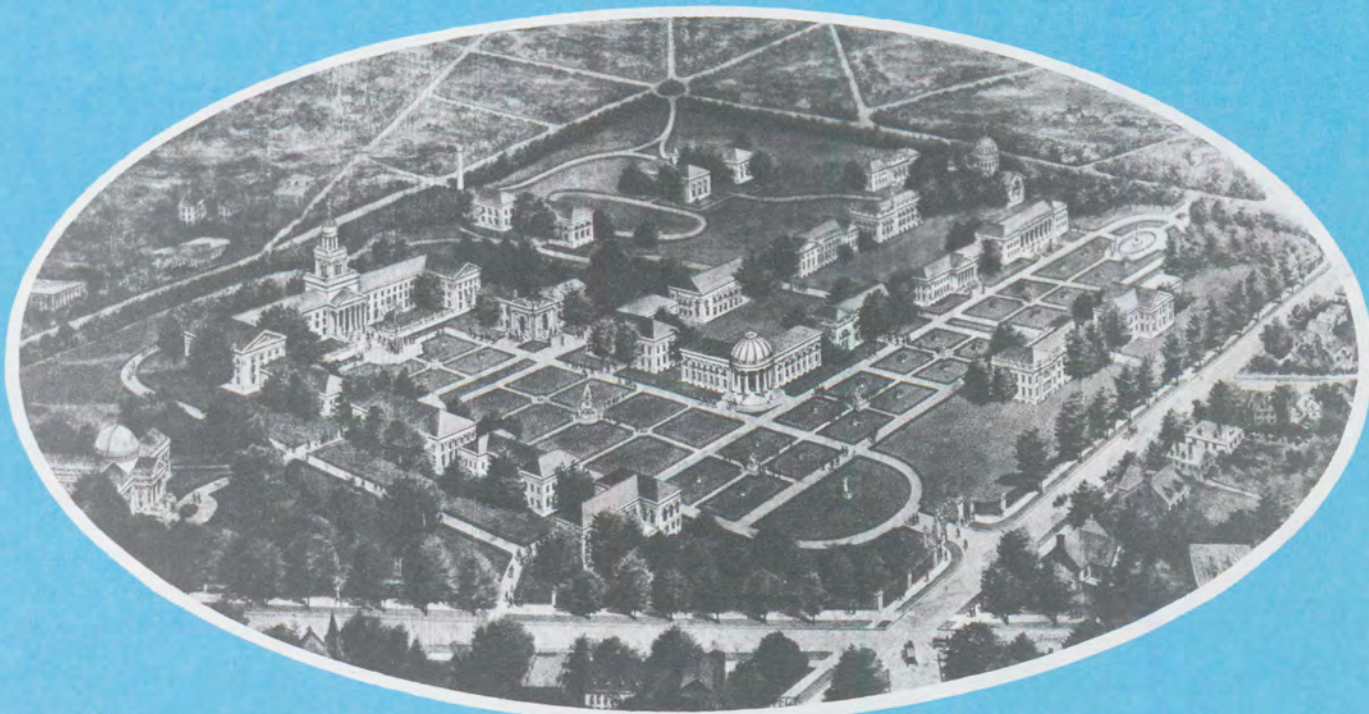
The Khashoggi Center is the most important project the university could undertake. Benefits accruing to AU in terms of the quality of life on campus and the fitness of the university community are staggering. Our efforts to build a top-flight women's basketball program can finally be brought to fruition with the completion of the center.

—Linda Ziemke, women's basketball coach





# AMERICAN HISTORY



*1899 Lithograph of Henry Ives Cobb's 1898 watercolor rendering of his proposed campus plan for the American University*

A U has had two major periods of growth since it was founded as a national university. The first was from 1896—when the gavel with which George Washington laid the Capitol's cornerstone was used to lay the cornerstone of Hurst Hall—until 1930—by which time the campus boasted classrooms, a library, a gym, a theater, an assembly hall, administrative offices, and a residence hall for men and one for women. During this period both the graduate component and the College of Arts and Sciences were founded. Fall enrollment went from 28, with a faculty of 1, when Pres. Woodrow Wilson spoke

on Opening Day in 1914, to 580 in 1930, when 81 graduate and bachelor's degrees were awarded.

Shown Henry Ives Cobb's marvelously ambitious watercolor plan of the campus, Pres. William McKinley became a trustee in 1898. He helped raise money for AU's second building—to be dedicated to his native state, Ohio—and offered to serve as dean when his presidency ended but was assassinated eight days before he was to lay the cornerstone. Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, also a trustee, laid the cornerstone of the renamed McKinley Memorial Ohio Hall of Government. Early benefactors included Mary Graydon, a quiet advocate of women's rights, and (John) Gordon Battelle, who made a

major financial commitment to the university for the building memorializing his family.

The second period of development, under Hurst Anderson's stewardship, was shorter and more dynamic. During his sixteen years as AU president, twenty new buildings and six additions were built on campus. Between 1952 and 1965, fall enrollment doubled, to 12,850. Of all the degrees the university had awarded by 1966, 40 percent had been awarded in the previous five and 63 percent in the previous ten years.

U.S. presidents continued to grace the campus, not as elected trustees but as friends and speakers. For example, Pres. Dwight Eisenhower urged the founding



of the School of International Service, and Pres. John F. Kennedy, in delivering a major foreign policy address on campus, praised AU for its "study of history and public affairs in a city devoted to the making of history and to the conduct of the public's business."

AU's promise and progress drew the generosity of many people. The foundation established by Charles H. Tompkins and his wife Lida R. Tompkins, prominent builders and civic benefactors, financed two additions to Battelle. The United Methodist Church committed

major funding to establish the School of International Service and construct its building. The family of Abraham L. Kay made a major commitment toward the Kay Spiritual Life Center. David Lloyd Kreeger, patron of the arts, and Leon A. Beeghly, an Ohio steel industrialist, and his wife, Mabel Snyder Beeghly, provided the bulk of the funding needed to construct the buildings bearing their names. Since the end of this period, the Bender Foundation contributed generously toward the building of our new library, and AU renamed the business

school in recognition of the interest and support of Robert P. Kogod, a graduate of the school, and Arlene R. Kogod.

Between these two periods, AU offered the government the use of the campus during World War II, and the navy built a recreation center for WAVES living on campus, which became Cassell Center. The greatly enhanced recreational and athletic as well as other facilities of The Khashoggi Center are a cause of jubilation for the AU community.

# 1889

nonsectarian, national university.

Methodist bishop John Fletcher Hurst buys some ninety acres of farmland on which to build a

1893 AU chartered by Congress.

1896 Cornerstone of Hurst laid.

1902 Cornerstone of McKinley laid.

1914 First class admitted.

1920 Downtown graduate schools opened.

1925 College of Arts and Sciences established; first women's dormitory opened.

1926 Clendenen opened (gym, theater, assembly hall). Battelle opened.

1930 First men's dormitory opened.

1946 AU acquired Cassell Center.

1949 Washington College of Law merged with AU.

1954 Radio/television building opened.

1955 AU's new school of business administration, first in the area, moved into McKinley.

1957 The first Tompkins addition to Battelle completed. School of Government and Public Administration established.

1958 School of International Service opened in its new building. The Center for Technology and Administration established.

1960 Asbury completed.

1962 Watkins Art Building opened.

1964 John Sherman Myers Law Building and second Tompkins addition to Battelle completed.

1965 Kay Spiritual Life Center opened. Lucy Webb Hayes School of Nursing and College of Continuing Education established.

1966 Kreeger Music Building opened.

1967 Beeghly Chemistry Building opened.

1968 The New Lecture Hall opened.

1969 School of Government and Public Administration moved into new Ward Circle Building and the Downtown Center closed.

1972 College of Public and International Affairs established.

1979 Bender Library opened.

# 1984

Board of Trustees announces AU's intention to build the Adnan Khashoggi Center following President Berendzen's presentation of commitments for more than 70 percent of funds needed for construction.

*McKinley Building*



## University Archivist Stores AU Lore

**S**ettled unobtrusively in the northwest corner of the top floor of Bender Library is a little-publicized corner of The American University community: the university archives. The archives house a potpourri of historical records that offer a window into life at AU over the past three generations.

The heart and soul of the archives is its director, Marion Logue. Stored beneath her tousled gray-white hair is a wealth of information about AU history, personalities, and programs. Logue was drawn into archives work by her love of history and people and what she laughingly calls her "elephant memory." She enjoys discovering the missing pieces of AU history because, she says, "bringing up the past helps to understand the present."

She is soft-spoken but intent behind her silver wire-rim glasses, and her gracious demeanor reflects her southern roots. Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee,

Logue began her college education at Vanderbilt University and later transferred to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she majored in English and minored in history and social sciences. She came to AU in 1964 after a thirty-year career as head of the records division at the American Association of University Women. She became acting archivist in 1968 and has served as archivist since 1971.

Her mentor, she says, was Helen Chatfield, who began service as AU archivist after retiring from the U.S. Treasury Department. Chatfield previously had taught archives courses at AU as an adjunct professor.

AU's archives program has a special legacy. Chatfield worked closely with celebrated historian and archivist Ernst Posner, who served on AU's faculty and as dean of the School of Social Sciences and Public Affairs. Posner emigrated to the United States from Germany in 1939 and is credited with introducing the first courses on the administration of archives

to this country. Posner, as well as Donald Derby, former history professor and dean of administration, and then-president Hurst Anderson all played key roles in setting up the archives program formally in 1958.

From 1893, when the university received its charter, until 1914, when the first degree was granted, AU was primarily a nondegree research institution. After World War I, Logue reports, "AU emphasized the education of government employees and the promotion of understanding and cooperation between government agencies." A visit to campus by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934 illustrates this fact. "We need a trained personnel in government," he said. "American University is yet young; but you have a great future—a great opportunity for initiative, for constructive thinking, for practical idealism, and for national service."

Logue proudly displays photographs recording other presidents who visited the university for commencements, inaugura-



Marion Logue

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On May 12 at the Honors Convocation ceremony, Marion Logue was honored by the university with a special staff award. The citation began, "You *are* the memory of The American University . . . the principal personal source of information about the university and its past."

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tions, and dedications. Among the notables are Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and Gerald Ford. Also, several presidents served as honorary members of the Board of Trustees, including Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, William McKinley, Harding, and Herbert Hoover.

A trip into the vault room reveals rows and rows of neatly labeled boxes containing bits and pieces of the AU picture. One shelf contains files about AU's off-campus programs at military institutions during the war years and boxes of information files about the Washington Semester program, which was initiated in 1948 and remains a unique feature of AU. There are also papers of some of AU's distinguished faculty members, including Posner; Dorothy Gondos Beers, retired history professor; Ella Harlee, theater professor; David Brandenburg, retired history professor; and Cathryn Seckler-Hudson, government professor and the first dean of the School of Government and Public Administration.

Careful measures are taken to slow the deterioration of all the valuable items. The papers are stored in special acid-free boxes and file folders, and the negatives and pictures are kept in acid-free cases. The collection is housed in an atmosphere-controlled room in which the humidity and temperature are monitored and automatically adjusted. Electronic vaults, designed to save space by sliding flush together at the touch of a switch, house part of the archives collection as well as the library's rare book collection.

Logue says that her typical day is unpredictable. "Every day is an unexpected adventure—almost!" she chuckles. She is challenged by requests for verification of historical facts. In the style of Sherlock Holmes, she relentlessly searches for missing data and, on occasion, turns the office upside down in the process. At times she has been called by the university administration officials to verify names of graduates and employment and payroll records, serving as a backup to records offices elsewhere in the university.

Although the collection is open to the campus community, Logue points out that other departments in the library contain some of the same information and discourages circulation of the items in the archives so that the integrity and historical value of the documents are preserved. A complete set of AU yearbooks, for example, is located in the open stacks.

Logue is assisted on a part-time basis by Thomas Devan, assistant archivist, whose primary task involves cataloging reproductions and publications, and a student intern.

Logue's most recently completed project is a listing of all of AU's past and present emeriti professors. She welcomes additions to the collection from alumni and others associated with AU who may possess clues to AU's past, such as class pictures, catalogs, yearbooks, or other memorabilia they would like to donate.

—Susan Phillips

### Students, Faculty, and Staff Honored

**F**ive university alumni were recognized for their accomplishments at the university's annual spring honors convocation:

Joan R. Challinor, CAS'71, MA'74, PhD'82; John David Hughes, WCL'61; Charles W. Kegley, Jr., CPIA'66; William A. Regardie, KCBA'67, MA'68; and Linda Simpson, SON'73, received citations for their accomplishments since leaving the university.

Faculty members honored at the ceremony include: Alan M. Kraut—outstanding teaching; Arnold S. Trebach—outstanding scholarship; Curriculum Committee, CAS (Ann Hagan, Kenneth Kusterer, Valerie Morris, Barbara Reinmann, Theodore Rosche, and Bonnie Willette)—outstanding service to the university; Michael Mazis, KCBA—outstanding contributions; Jane Edmisten, WCL—outstanding teaching; John Wallach, CAS—outstanding teaching. Donald D. Dennis, university librarian, received the university faculty/administrator award for outstanding service.

Students honored include Chinh Kien Nguyen, CAS'84, and Andrew J. Sherman, CPIA'84—outstanding scholarship at the undergraduate level; Kevin Mulder, WCL'84 and Valerie Spike Peterson, CPIA'84—outstanding scholarship at the graduate level; Joshua Ederheimer, CPIA'85, and Susan T. Jablow, KCBA/MA'84—outstanding service to the university.

In addition to these awards, the following students received student achievement awards:

Maria Aponte-Pons, CAS'84, The Stafford H. Cassell Award; Paul W. Schroeder, CPIA'84—The Cathryn Seckler-Hudson Award; Andrew G. Lisak, CAS'84 and Kirk D. Nemer, CPIA'84—The Fletcher Scholar Award; Michael P. Kockler, CPIA and CAS'84—The Bruce Hughes Award; Andrew J. Sherman, CPIA'84—The Kinsman-Hurst Award; Kathleen M. Robins, KCBA'84—The Charles C. Glover Award; Jill S. Dutt, CAS'84—The Charles W. Van Way Award; Ahmed Houiti, CAS'84—The Carlton Savage Award; Pamela L. Weinstein, CPIA'84—The Evelyn Swarthout Hayes Award; and Claudia Breslav, CAS'84—The AU Women's Association Award.

The university also honored several staff members for outstanding performance: Nancy Barker, Office of the Vice Provost for University Programs; Linda Bolden, Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Elvira Melegrito, Office of the Vice Provost for Student Life; and Helen Zok, Office of the President/Provost.

Paul Leeper, Office of the Vice President for Finance and Treasurer and Uma Saini, KCBA, were honored for outstanding service.

Marion Logue, university archivist, received a special staff award.

Career civil servants Stanley Goldberg, deputy assistant commissioner, returns and information processing (IRS), and Gerald J. Mossinghoff, assistant secretary and commissioner for patents and trademarks in the U.S. Patent Office, received the university's Roger W. Jones Award for executive leadership.



## Professor's Eclectic Approach Inspires Students

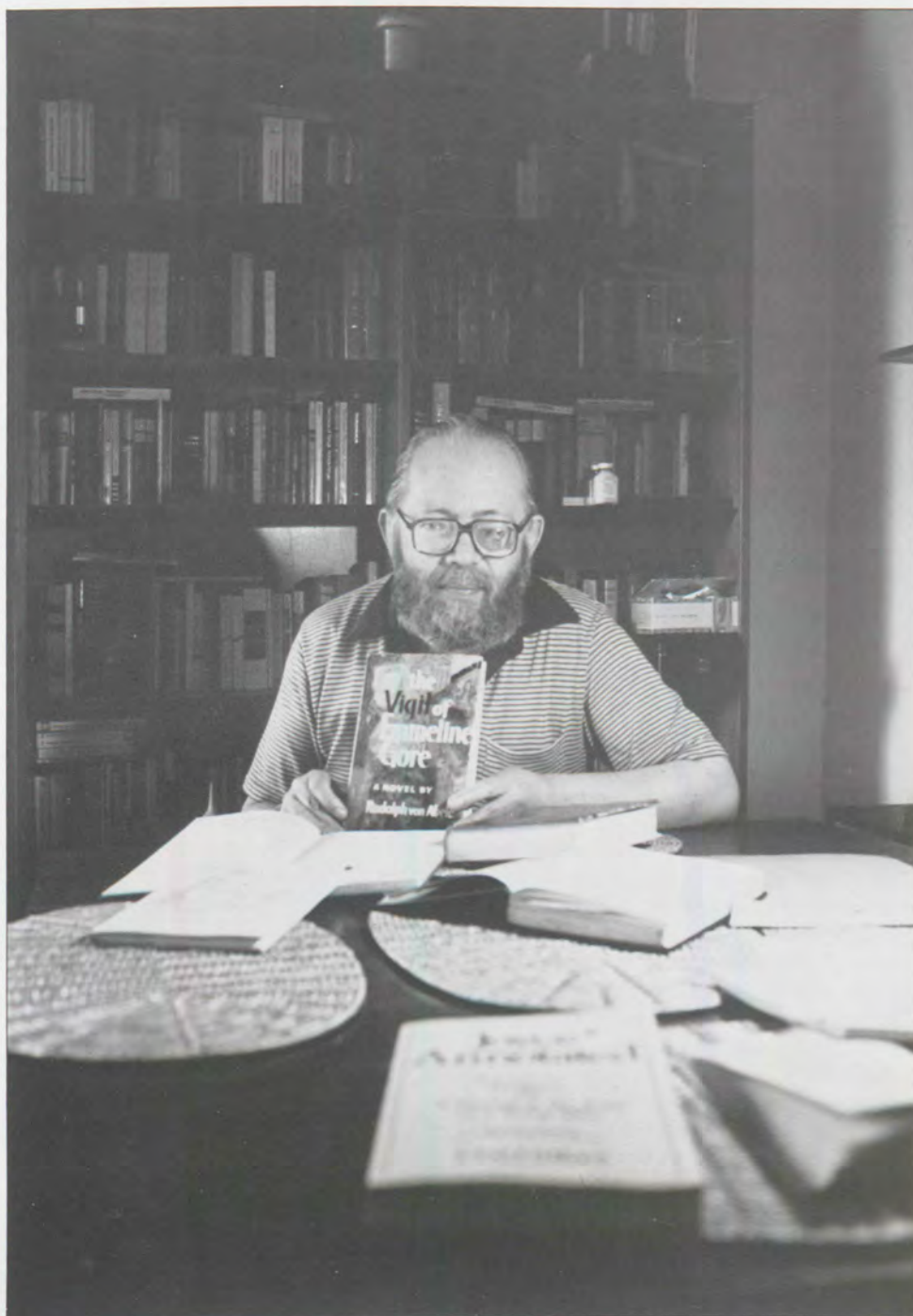
**W**hen the young scholar, fresh from the Columbia University history department, arrived at the downtown campus of The American University in 1947, he planned to help lay the groundwork for the American Studies Program proposed by then-president Paul Douglass. When he retired in 1984, Professor Rudolph von Abele of the Department of Literature had become known as one of the principal scholars of James Joyce at the university, as well as an avid teacher and stylist of detective fiction.

Von Abele admits that his approach to academics, literature particularly, is eclectic and that through the years he has attempted to retain the student within himself. He hopes that he has been able to impart that same approach to his students of the past thirty-seven years.

His dissertation, a biography of the vice president of the American confederacy, Alexander Stephens, capped his Ph.D. in American history at Columbia in 1946. He recalls that all Ph.D. candidates were required to have their dissertations published at that time. Consequently, many students endured additional expense to meet that requirement. Von Abele, however, had a publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, and found himself cast in the heady role of young upstart—he defended his dissertation to his faculty committee in page proof. He recalls one faculty member commenting that it was probably too late for them to make many changes.

### First Years at AU

When he arrived at AU in 1947, the communication department, in which he first taught, was situated downtown at 19th and F Streets. During those days von Abele recalls that the campus was filled with students completing their education on the GI Bill. Consequently, a full range of evening courses was offered. Only business courses were held during the day. The American Studies Program that



*Professor Rudolph von Abele*

Douglass envisioned did not get off the ground until the 1960s, and von Abele, the trained historian, found himself teach-

ing American literature in addition to wide-ranging survey courses on the modern European novel. It was in such a



course that he taught Joyce's *Ulysses* for the first time.

### Joyce Connection Grows

His interest in Joyce dates to his high school days in Bergen County, New Jersey. He nonetheless was unprepared for his study of Joyce to become what he now terms as an "obsession." For more than two decades von Abele was the only AU literature professor to devote a full semester to the works of Joyce, the only professor to teach the inscrutable *Finnegans Wake*. His study of Joyce led him to make a trip to Dublin in 1972, during which he photographed all that remained of Joyce's turn-of-the-century Dublin.

In 1981 a core of about twenty-five Joyce aficionados organized a group to honor the Irish writer on the one-hundredth anniversary of his birth, February 2, 1982. A marathon reading of *Ulysses* was planned for February 2 and 3 on the AU campus at Bentley and SIS Lounges. Readers ranged from members of the Gaelic League and the D.C. Anglo-Irish community to AU faculty and graduates. The final eleven pages were read by the Irish actress Siobhan McKenna. (The dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Frank Turaj, had suggested that the society invite McKenna to read. And Ray Lane, a former student of von Abele's, followed through by visiting the actress at her home in Dublin to extend the invitation formally.) McKenna became so enthralled with the Joyce project that she decided to perform at AU a special program of selections from Joyce—a story from the *Dubliners* collection, a portion of *Finnegans Wake*, and the last part of *Ulysses*, which she had recorded earlier.

### Detective Fiction Discovered

Perhaps those who regard von Abele as a Joyce scholar are surprised to learn that he has written two crime novels. He can entrance visitors by unraveling the plot of his first crime novel, based on an actual

murder case in Glasgow, Scotland, in the early 1900s. He is at work on a third, which he characterizes as "American sleaze." He traces his interest in the crime novel to 1978 when Tom Maddox, a graduate student he was advising, chose to research the American detective fiction writers Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler for his dissertation. Von Abele was prompted not only to read detective fiction but also to try his hand at writing it. In the summers of 1979 and 1980 he taught the genre of the detective novel.

Retirement holds the possibility of spending his days writing. He explains that he reads little when he is writing a novel in order not to become influenced by another's style or subject matter. But he readily offers a novel of one of his favorite detective authors to a visitor with whom he has exchanged stories about Ireland. It is *McGarr on the Cliffs of Moher*, by the Irish-American Bartholemew Gill. Painting, too, (he dates his interest in it to his boyhood) will have to take a backseat to the novel in progress. He explains that it has to be one or the other. However, even in retirement he will not retire completely from teaching; next spring he will offer his seminar on *Ulysses* to AU students.

In addition to his biography of Stephens, von Abele has published four other books: *The Death of the Artist: A Study of Hawthorne's Disintegration*, in 1955, *A Cage for Lou Lou*, a book of poems published in 1978, *The Party*, in 1963, and *The Vigil of Emmeline Gore*, in 1962. The latter two are novels, which happened to have been published in first-draft form.

Von Abele is a storyteller, whether they are the stories of Joyce or his own. But if there is a synthesis to all of his interests, he is not eager to find it. He does not appear to be the kind of person of whom one would ask what three books he would want if he were stranded on a desert island. How would books alone suffice when painting, too, claims his attention? Surprisingly, he initiates the question and swiftly answers it—Flaubert's *Sentimental Education*, Mann's *Magic Mountain*, and of course, Joyce's *Ulysses*.

—Kathryn Stafford

### Books in Print

**B**ooks by AU faculty and staff published last semester include:

"From Shtetl to Border: East European Jewish Emigrants and the 'Agents' System, 1868-1914," by Pamela S. Nadell, Jewish studies, was published in *Studies in the American Jewish Experience II: Contributions from the Fellowship Programs of the American Jewish Archives*, University Press of America, 1984.

*Labor and the Economy*, a textbook by Howard M. Wachtel, economics, was published by Academic Press.

*Professional Integration: A Guide for Students from the Developing World*, coauthored and coedited by Mary Ann G. Hood, director of the English Language Institute, was published by the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs.

*Lawyers in Soviet Work Life*, by Louise Shelley, justice/international relations, was published by Rutgers University Press.

*Fantasy and Reconciliation: Contemporary Formulas of Women's Romance Fiction*, by Kay Mussell, American studies and literature, was published by Greenwood Press.

Country studies on Zimbabwe, Indonesia, and Brazil, prepared by AU's Foreign Area Studies program, were published by the Government Printing Office.



# Alumni

## News

### Bob White: New Alumni Director

**B**ob White is enthusiastic about his new job as director of Alumni and Parent Relations. The former public relations executive corporate recruiter and aspiring novelist wants to increase alumni participation nationwide to strengthen the foundation of The American University.

"Bob's background and enthusiasm will be a great support and help in building a dynamic alumni association," says Anita Gottlieb, director of University Relations.

White has already started to work with a group of young alumni to start a program to make certain that recent graduates will still feel a part of the university community after they graduate.

"Usually the first thing a graduate hears from the university is a request for money," White says. "I want AU to do something for the graduates first, such as creat-

ing alumni networks for jobs and information."

As part of an overall alumni development plan, White organized an alumni association national board of governors retreat in May. The group targeted five primary areas of activity—recruitment, financial development, career development, chapter development, and alumni programs.

About sixty people attended the retreat. "It was a good beginning and many others have expressed an interest in getting involved."

Building and administering the alumni scholarship fund and providing strengthened fundraising support, including helping to raise money for the proposed sports and convocation center, are also on White's agenda.

In addition, White says, "we must develop ideas and programs for parents organizations and for international alumni."

### ZBT Recharged

**T**he Beta Psi chapter of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity at The American University has been reactivated.

"Our focus," says Ira Soloman, KCBA'87, is "strengthening ties with alumni because they have experience and can offer the moral support we need to build a solid and enduring fraternity that provides students a basis upon which to grow." Solomon is ZBT alumni relations chairman.

The reactivation process begun last fall included: a campus orientation visit by the ZBT national board; special on-campus ZBT nights, ski trips, and other activities to promote group cohesiveness and to attract prospective brothers; plus demonstration to the university administration of the group's desire to become active members of the AU community.



*Members of the Class of 1934 pose for a class photo during festivities for Alumni Reunion Weekend in April. They were honored at a special reunion dinner and a reception at the home of AU president Richard Berendzen. Golden anniversary medals were presented to attending class members.*



## Class Notes

### ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Polly Monarch Warnick, BA'35**, and her husband, Don, spent three months on the island of Java, Indonesia.

**Jean Evans McConnell, BA'39**, retired in June 1983 after forty years of teaching at The Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C.

**John H. Stephenson, BA'40**, is serving his third term as an elected city councilman in Zephyrhills, Fla.

**Walter L. Barkdull, BA'42**, has been appointed deputy director of policy operations for the California Department of Corrections in Sacramento.

**Edgar C. Keller, BA'42**, is a partner in the law firm of Keller & Holt in San Bernadino, Calif.

**Edith Mitchell Webb, BA'42**, and **Ernest C., KCBA'41**, are retired and enjoying life in Punta Gorda, Fla.

**Caroline S. MacColl, MA'45**, of Seattle Wash., joined Bette (Simon) Resalu and Mimi (Berman) West in a forty-three-year reunion at Mimi's Beverly Hills home last fall.

**Eugene Lendell Steele, MA'59**, of Springfield, Va., has been installed as president of the Federation of Materials Societies in Washington, D.C.

**Cynthia Powell Healer, BA'60**, of Dover, Mass., has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Kodaly Center of America.

**Natalie Morgan Josephs, BA'60**, is a commercial sales associate with Howard Hannon Real Estate. She, her husband, Jerry, and their two daughters reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Linda Cohen Gordon, BA'61**, has been named placement director at the Katherine Gibbs School in Philadelphia.

**Stacy B.C. Wood, Jr., BA'61**, of Lancaster, Pa., published his second book, *The Wonderful World of Time*, in December 1983.

**Robert M. Hawk, BA'62**, has been appointed director of public affairs for Fokker Aircraft USA in Arlington, Va.

**Janet Moyer, BA'63**, has been involved with the Japan Society in selecting candi-

dates to be considered for the Professional Leaders Fellowship program. She resides in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Lynn R. Golden, BA'64**, is owner and vice president of Travel Now, Inc., in Rockville, Md.

**Bonnie Matsumura, BA'64**, has begun teaching in the health education field after ten years as a secondary education teacher. She resides in Kapaa, Hawaii.

**Stephen C. Morton, MA'64**, of Stow, Ohio, was elected to a three-year term on the faculty senate of Kent State University. He is the university archivist and director of the American History Research Center at Kent.

**Vicki I. Barletti, BA'65**, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., has three children and is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Chestnut Hill School.

**Joan C. Carter, BS'66**, of Fairfield, Conn., has been appointed by Governor O'Neil to the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State Technical Colleges.

**William K. Gross, BA'66**, of New York, N.Y., is an insurance agent with the New York Life Insurance Company.

**John E. Coulbourn, BS'62, MA'67**, of Naitland, Fla., has been named publicity chairman of the National Florida Centennial Committee.

**Elizabeth D. Ring, BA'68**, has retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Her position was public information specialist.

**Paul J. Scheips, DPhD'68**, was awarded an honorary LL.D. degree by the University of Evansville at the Founder's Day Convocation on February 8, 1984, in Evansville, Ind.

**Carol A. Bruce, BA'69**, is completing her term as president of the Washington Education Press Association.

**Dedee Segal Costello, BA'69**, is a candidate for circuit judge in the 14th Judicial Circuit of Florida. The election will be in September.

**Denise Duddleson, BA'69**, is the publications manager for the Alban Institute in Washington, D.C., on the grounds of the National Cathedral.

**Sandra Landow Handleman, BS'69**, and husband, Aaron, announce the birth of

their second child, Jessica Anne, on January 9, 1984.

**John Leonard Coble Grasser, BA'71**, married Susan Edith Fattig on February 25, 1984. They reside in Washington, D.C.

**James L. Kerr III, BA'71**, retired from the navy, has become director of radiology at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Tex.

**Ronald Javier, BA'72**, and his wife announce the birth of their third child, Eric Matthew, on March 13, 1984.

**Eloise R. Levy, BA'73**, is director of The Preiser School, a private school for autistic adolescents, in Rockville, Md.

**Evelyn P. Byrne, BA'74**, after several years of Peace Corps work, has settled down to being a full-time mother to two sons, as well as being a LaLeche leader (a breast-feeding counselor) in Washington, D.C.

**Richard Dorfman, BA'74**, is currently acting as television agent for Wimbledon Tennis, the U.S. Open, and the NFL, for Trans World International.

**Michael P. Menchel, BA'74**, has been named vice president and director of public relations for the St. Louis Cardinals of the NFL.

**Noel Myricks, DEd'74**, recently taught classes in family law and civil liberties at Lafayette College and conducted a moot court case in May at the Northampton County Courthouse in Easton, Pa.

**Robert J. Halprin, BA'75**, has completed his M.A. in communications at the University of Hartford and has begun law school at the University of Connecticut, while holding the position of deputy communications manager at the American Radio Relay League in Newington, Conn.

**Barbara A. Herman, MA'75**, of Phoenix, Ariz., and her husband announce the birth of Michael Jonathan Herman in February 1984.

**Anibal Jose Cortina, BS'76**, of Falls Church, Va., and Sally Anne Winde of Ellicott City, Md., were married on March 3, 1984.

**Randall John Bohlman, BA'77**, married Deborah Lynn Schriver in Jarrettsville, Md., in November 1983. The couple resides in Severna Park, Md.

**Jerry W. Kennedy, MA'77**, is administrative assistant to U.S. Representative Ben Erdreich (D-Ala.).

**Faith-Robin Lepow, BA'77**, of Alexandria, Va., married Steven M. Feldman on Oct. 22, 1983. She is an executive assis-



tant at Dean Witter Reynolds in Washington, D.C.

**Helen M. Wood, MS'77**, is chief of the data management and programming languages division in the Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology at the National Bureau of Standards. She is also managing editor of the *Journal of Telecommunication Networks*, as well as being author or coauthor of several publications.

**Andrew Korn, BA'79**, and his wife had their first child, Marjorie, on January 20, 1984.

**Timothy R. Rugh, MA'79**, has joined the staff of the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association in Washington, D.C., as assistant director for the instrument and PMC sections.

**Ruth L. Zetlin, BA'79**, was recently the assistant director for a production of *Fiddler on the Roof* and also played Mrs. Frank in a recent production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, both for Washington, D.C., theater groups.

**Sarath B. Seneviratne, BS'80**, of Washington, D.C., married Jacintha Siri Jayalath on Nov. 19, 1983. They reside in Washington, D.C.

**Bob Becker, MS'81**, is a reporter for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, specializing in medicine and health.

**Dr. Roselyn Payne Epps, MA'81**, of Washington, D.C., was honored on December 6, 1983, for her significant contributions to the health and welfare of young people in the District of Columbia.

**David W. Smith, BS'81**, graduated from the George Washington University Law School in May.

**Geoffrey L. Daniels, BS'82**, is entering a naval aviation program this summer as a technical assistant.

**Kevin A. Drawbaugh, BA'82**, was recently named as one of Virginia's top three Young Journalists of the Year for 1983 by the United Press International Advisory Board of Virginia. He is a reporter for the *Potomac News* in Woodbridge, Va., and resides in Occoquan.

**Dennis V. Jefferson, BA'82**, was promoted to director of computer services at Evans Economics, Inc., in Washington, D.C.

**Kathleen J. Rohn, MA'82**, married Yvon LeDain in April. They reside in Washington, D.C.

**Molly M. Fannon, MA'83**, has been named to the post of assistant director of development at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

**Melanie Shore, BA'83**, has been accepted at the George Washington University School of Medicine.

## EDUCATION

**Anthony James DelPopolo, Sr., MS'71**, of McLean, Va., retired from teaching at the Northern Virginia Community College in April 1984.

**John A. Howe, MS'72**, has been elected senior vice president and general manager by Wyly Corp. (NYSE) in Dallas, Tex. He is responsible for the worldwide operations of the \$70-million computing services group of University Computing Co., Wyly's principal operating subsidiary.

## LAW

**Charles B. Hargett, JD'65** was named general counsel of BASF Wyandotte Corporation in January 1984.

**Robert W. Whitmore, JD'73**, producer, worked with Jack Klugman in "LYNDON," at the Shubert Theater in N.Y. Whitmore continues to pursue his career in show business in the areas of writing and directing. He co-founded a computer-based, musical synthesizer company where he serves as chairman of the board.

**Thelma A. Olshaker, JD'77**, had her romantic novel *Intimate Strangers* published in November 1983. Her forthcoming novel is about a young woman lawyer.

**Raymond E. Clark, JD'79**, was married to Elizabeth Sumwalt on April 7, 1984. The couple resides in Columbia, Md.

**Allen Dixon III, JD'83**, is completing a judicial clerkship in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He resides in Abingdon, Va., with his wife and year-old son.

## NURSING

**Suzanne E. Hanas, BS'75**, of Herndon, Va., appeared in *Who's Who of American Women*, 13th Edition. She is employed by 3M Surgical based in St. Paul, Minn.

**Mary Ellen Behme Shands, BS'77**, of Summit, N.J., was married to Roger Lincoln Shands of Falls Church, Va., in May.

## JUSTICE

**Lynn Herring, BA'70**, has served as chief of police in the United States Park Police since 1981.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**Dorothy F. Davis, MA'63**, of Lake Placid, N.Y., is a journalist and writer.

**Elizabeth Lawson, MA'67**, is president of a small travel club, "London and All Other Places, Ltd." She resides in Falls Church, Va.

**Walter E. Schmidt, MA'68**, of New York is a practicing attorney specializing in computers and computer software.

**Marilyn Duffin Rowland, BA'68**, is a senior urban planner with Parsons, Brinckershoff, Quade & Douglas in Boston.

**Carl Mohrwinkel, BA'69**, and his wife, Marion, had their third child, Michael Joseph, on August 26, 1983.

**S.A. Swarztrauber, DPhD'70**, of Falls Church, Va., has retired from government service.

**Mack C. Shelley II, BA'72**, has been promoted to associate professor of political science and statistics at Iowa State University in Ames.

**Alevetta D. Smythe, BA'74**, of Bowie, Md., married Dwight D. Pindell in October 1983.

**Michael Fleischauer, BA'77**, of Columbia, Md., works for the Research Analysis Institute, Inc. of Columbia.

**William J. Long, BA'78**, and Mary M. Balent were married on March 24, 1984. They have both joined law firms in Washington, D.C.

**Samuel S. Olens, BA'78**, of Decatur, Ga., graduated from Emory University School of Law in May 1983.

**William Costanza, MA'79**, was recently posted by the State Department to the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia.

**Dana J. Johnson, MA'79**, received one of the YWCA Leader Achievement Awards presented on March 29, 1984, in recognition for her work in strategic systems and defense analysis at Rockwell in southern California.

**Mark E. Maier, BA'79**, graduated from Nova LAW CENTER, Florida, in December 1983. He and his wife, Ana Maria, returned to Washington, D.C., in May after their first child was born.

**Joseph P. Foley, MA'80**, has been named congressional relations specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He and his wife, Adrienne, had their second child in February.

**H. Houston Moore III, MBA'82**, is a system analyst at the NS&T Bank of New York. He resides in Washington, D.C.



Maura Helene Oz, BA'83, married Navy Lt. John J. Nankervis, Jr., of Des Plaines, Ill., in January 1984. The couple resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

## BUSINESS

**S**tephen D. Gould, BS'61, director of distribution for Pepperidge Farm, Inc., acted as chairman for the 1984 Transportation and Distribution Conference committee meeting, May 6-9.

Richard H. Mikesell, BS'66, is president-elect of the DCPA. He is in private clinical and consulting practice in Washington, D.C.

Edward J. Rochford, Jr., BS'69, is senior vice president for bond investments at BBS, Inc., in Livingston, N.J., and Palm Beach, Fla.

Steve Shapiro, BA'69, is opening the first Businessland Computer Center on the east coast.

Douglass M. Porter, BS'70, formerly of Silver Spring, Md., is the president of Nowlin Mortgage Co. in Fort Worth, Tex.

Robert P. Pincus, MA'71, was recently named president and chief executive officer of DC National Bancorp, holding company of DC National Bank, of which he is also the current president and chief executive officer.

Donald Tripp, BS'72, has been named vice president of Dorman & Wilson, Inc., a mortgage banking company in White Plains, N.Y.

Stuart D. Schwartz, BA'74, has been appointed comptroller for North American Specialties Corp. He is also the father of a new baby, Matthew Adam. The family resides in Rockaway, N.J.

Ann Palevsky, BS'76, of Livingston, N.J., and Richard S. Hantgan, of Englewood, N.J., were married April 1, 1984.

Lawrence A. Stahl, BA'76, of Irvine, Calif., is beginning his third year in hospital administration at the University of California Irvine Medical Center.

Thomas N. Jones, BS/BA'77, has joined Nautilus Environmental Systems, Inc. as medical and government liaison for the Washington, D.C., area.

Brian Geary, BS/BA'79, and Mary Douglas Geary, BS/BA'80, had their first baby, Sean Robert, on June 4, 1983.

Paula Ann Hudson, BS'80, married D. Craig Wolff on Dec. 17, 1983. The couple resides in Arlington, Va.

Jeannette L. Pastore, BS/BA'80, of Pompano Beach, Fla., married Donald Markus of Boca Raton on April 14, 1984.

Bryan Talanian, BS/BA'80, has joined the Custody Shareholder Division of the State Street Bank in Boston, Mass., as a management accountant.

Marion Milman, BS'80, has been named director of personnel for The Sheraton Grand Hotel on Capitol Hill. She resides in Arlington, Va.

Jesse I. Miller, MBA'82, is a manager of marketing administration for a national hotel and convention service, Projection Incorporated, based in Washington, D.C.

## GOVERNMENT

**Z**oltan Schwartz, APA'40, BA'47, MA'52, was pleased to participate in the student, parent, and alumni meeting in February 1984 at the Island Inn, Westbury, L.I., N.Y.

Richard Hicks, BA'62, is assistant vice president in the home office claims department of Peerless/Netherlands Insurance Company.

William Price Miller, BA'63, is president of Campus Boulevard Corporation, Philadelphia, a nonprofit neighborhood development corporation. He resides in North Wales, Pa.

Randall B. Trenor, BA'68, of Harrisburg, Pa., is the reference librarian in the State Law Library of the commonwealth of Harrisburg.

Arthur Churchill, MA'69, received the Pilgrim Medal in May 1983. The award is the highest honor of Defiance College, in Defiance, Ohio, for service to the college and the community.

Thomas Ford, BA'69, is production manager for *Software Digest*, a new computer publication, based in Wynnewood, Pa. He and his wife, Ellen, reside in Newton.

Richard Hardick, MA'69, has been named deputy to a National Labor Relations Board Assistant General Counsel. He is married to the former Nancy L. Berry of Phillipsburg, N.J., and they have three children.

Glenn Rowland, BA'69, is currently senior transportation analyst with Technology Applications, Inc., in Cambridge, Mass.

Eric S. Mendelsohn, MPA'71, of Rockville, Md., is with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Planning in Rockville.

Henry Cernitz, BA'72, is a partner in the law firm of Becker, Engelman & Cernitz, in Lynbrook, N.Y.

Joseph M. Ventrone, MA'73, of Arlington, Va., is a professional staff member, House of Representatives Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development in Washington, D.C.

Marc H. Rosenberg, BA'74, and his wife, Ruth Imershein, are parents of Deena Julie Rosenberg, born August 8, 1983.

Brian E. Foss, BA'75, Deputy Executive Director of A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, was selected to receive the Professional Performance Award of the American Society of Association Executives. A native of Westborough, Mass., he resides in Takoma Park, Md.

Leonard P. Zakim, BA'75, was recently named as one of Greater Boston's Ten Outstanding Young Leaders of 1984.

David F. Ertel, BA'76, is a student in the Graduate School of Business at the Columbia University in New York. He resides in Montclair, N.J.

Paul J. Kennedy, BA'78, of Haverford, Pa., graduated from Villanova University School of Law. He was a member of the Law Review and was selected for the National Moot Court Team from Villanova in 1982.

Neal Meyerson, MPA'78, and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of Rebecca Anne on March 28, 1984.

Jo-Ann E. Molnar, MA'79, was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1984.

Daniel E. Serata, BA'79, recently graduated from Thomas M. Dooley Law School.

Gary A. Greenberg, BA'80, of Albany, N.Y., has been named president of Arthur's Pipe and Gift Shop, Inc. of Scotland Ave., Albany. He replaces his late father who began the business eight years ago.

## DEATHS

**R**ev. William Kenneth Hoover, CAS/BA'33, on February 10, 1984.

Adolphus "Dolly" Worley Morrison, CAS/BA'33, in April 1984.

Joe Frank Davis, CAS/MA'51, on February 8, 1984.

Marian Kenowitch, SGPA/MPA'77, on April 6, 1984.

Walter B. Johnson, KCBA/BS'78, on October 16, 1983.





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