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President's Message

This issue's cover story is about an AU program that primarily serves the undergraduates of other schools. So why, you might ask, should we feature it in our alumni magazine?

Primarily, I would answer, because the Washington Semester epitomizes much of what's special about an AU education. Its unique mix of academic and experiential learning and of access to the decision makers in the nation's capital are the same opportunities available to AU undergraduates during their four years.

And there are at least two other good reasons:

First, much credit for the vigor and reputation of the program as it celebrates its fortieth year goes to David Brown, a 1966 graduate of the School of International Service and now dean of the Washington Semester and World Capitals Programs. Annual enrollment in the Washington Semester program has grown from 240 in 1973, his first year as director, to a record 766 this year. Brown has applied the Washington Semester's winning formula to AU's World Capitals program with equally fine results. Currently we offer study abroad opportunities, most of which mix academic and experiential learning, in nine countries. Next year we shall add a tenth: China. It will be the first semester-long undergraduate program in Beijing offered by a U.S. university.

Second, the program's two hundred member schools and thirteen thousand alumni are among our most valuable friends. From its beginning, the program has been a cooperative effort among an ever-growing number of fine colleges and universities. Faculty advisors at member colleges promote the program on their campuses, recommending it to their best students, and participate in meetings to help shape the curriculum. Thus, through the Washington Semester, we not only enlarge our community of students but also our community of scholars.

The program's alumni, many of whom count the Washington Semester among the highlights of their college career, spread word of what AU has to offer in even wider circles.

The Washington Semester's birthday is cause for celebration—and cover stories—because it exemplifies doing well what we do best.

Richard Berendzen

The Washington Experience

Photo by Kathie Koenig

Michele Charlier outside Senator Trible's office in the Hart Building.

For forty years, students have been coming to AU to "study Washington" for one unique semester-long program. American *magazine salutes the "Washington Semester" with glimpses of its past and present.*

"What the papers are printing and what people are talking about back home is what's actually happening here," declared Michele Charlier from the Capitol Hill vantage point afforded her last spring by her Washington Semester internship.

Charlier was one of 347 students who completed AU's Washington Semester in May as it marked its fortieth year. A program unrivalled by any other university in the area, it is one of the most intensive learning experiences the nation's capital can offer.

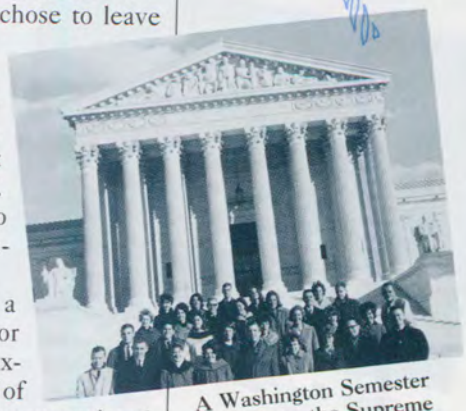
In addition to two days a week in internships where they share corridors and cafeterias with senators and Supreme Court justices and observe or even participate in headline-making events, Washington Semester students spend four to six hours per week in seminars with practitioners and policymakers in their chosen area of study. They also choose either one elective from AU's regular course offerings or an independent research project.

The three parts of the program—the internship, the seminars, and the research project or elective—are integrated so that each enriches the other with the emphasis on making the most of what Washington and AU alone offer to students of foreign policy, economics, justice, journalism, and American politics—the five concentrations the program offers. To get a feeling for the Washington Semester experience, we talked with five students who completed the program last spring.

Michele Charlier
Foreign Policy Semester

Like most Washington Semester students, Michele Charlier is pursuing a bachelor's degree at another institution but chose to leave it for one semester to study Washington. An international relations major at Ursinus College in suburban Philadelphia, she wanted to learn more about the inner workings of the U.S. government to add perspective to her studies of foreign governments.

For her internship, she chose a slot in the office of Virginia senator Paul Trible. In addition to the excitement of living amid the stuff of the nightly news, Charlier said she appreciated the opportunity to see things in ways that might differ from what she read in the newspapers. "Seeing things firsthand," she said, "I was able to be my own interpreter."



A Washington Semester field trip to the Supreme Court, fall 1963.

"Washington is a city of inexhaustible activity; one never reaches a stagnation of ideas for things to do. There is always an investigation of something happening on 'the Hill' or downtown. . . . Dignitaries are everywhere. I sat behind Ethel Kennedy at the 'Valachi Hearing' when Bobby Kennedy was testifying, saw Senate debate on the test-ban treaty, and heard House speeches on the tax bill. . . . It is fascinating to talk with important people and see history being made and to be with all sorts of college students who are intelligent and alive, but not egg heads."

—*Charlotte Ward*, The Campus, *Oklahoma City University, 1963.*

Scott Holstein in his Defense Department office.

Photo by Kathie Koenig

During her internship, she helped the senator's legislative staff handle constituent mail. In the process she learned the golden rule of politics: Keep the constituents happy. "When it comes to constituents, nothing less than perfection will do, how you type your letters as well as what you say."

When things in the office were quiet, she used Hill resources to work on her research project on the effect of illegal drug trafficking on U.S.–Mexican relations. The nearby Library of Congress and Capitol Hill's computerized data base provided the names and Washington locations of government officials she subsequently interviewed for her thirty-page paper.

She also attended numerous congressional hearings on topics related to her research, one of which was a hearing on the indebtedness of Latin American countries.

A Capitol Hill internship, the choice of an average of 25 percent of Washington Semester students each year, is above all an opportunity to observe. Critics say that although the locale is glamorous, the work is mundane. Charlier disagrees. "To get the most out of it you have to have initiative. You have to be willing to ask questions. There's too much going on for people to cater to your needs."

Overall, the experience gave her a firm understanding of the government's operation and awakened her to the realities of politics. "After experiencing politics here on the Hill, I now understand the nuances of democracy." Of her experience, she said: "I felt privileged every day I was there."

One of the Washington Semester's most memorable moments—students meet with Attorney General Robert Kennedy in his office in 1963.

Scott Holstein
Economic Policy Semester

Unlike the typical Washington Semester student, Scott Holstein didn't return after a day at his internship and casually discuss the day's events with his dorm-mates. Because he often worked with classified material in his post in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Holstein had to think carefully about what he shared. But he felt that was a small price to pay for the chance to work on issues affecting national security.

Holstein had to plan ahead to get the necessary security clearance for his internship. He had help in timing the paperwork from his advisor at Colorado College, who had formerly worked in the same Pentagon office. According to its full title, the office is responsible for international security affairs, international economics and energy affairs, and policy analysis.

As one of his first tasks, Holstein prepared a report evaluating the viability of the U.S. precision optics industry. Manufacturers of these laser products, reportedly a vital part of Strategic Defense Initiative technology, are seeking assistance from the Defense Department to offset the threat they claim is posed by foreign competition.

YESTERDAY & TODAY

In 1947, Harry Truman was president of the United States. The country was in its first full year of post-World War II production. Gasoline sold for thirteen cents a gallon. *A Streetcar Named Desire* was a Broadway hit. And twelve students representing five colleges and universities ventured to The American University for its first "Washington Semester."

Now in its fortieth year, AU's pioneering educational effort is an unqualified success, according to David Brown, dean of the Washington Semester and World Capitals Programs.

Brown, who earned his B.A. from AU's School of International Service in 1966, has led the program since 1973. During his tenure the program has grown exponentially. This year a record 766 students enrolled in the program from the nearly two hundred member colleges and universities as well as from non-affiliated schools, such as Amherst, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Northwestern, the University of Michigan, and the University of Pennsylvania. More than thirteen thousand students have participated in the program since it began.

Some universities outside the area offer a semester in Washington. But, only AU's Washington Semester offers the resources of a university in addition to access to the city, according to Program Director James Narduzzi, '77,'85. It's also the largest and oldest program of its kind.

"The curriculum is a unique blend of experiential with traditional classroom learning. The components of the program—the internship, the seminars, and the research project or elective—are fully integrated," explains Narduzzi.

Seminars provide an opportunity to discuss policy and issues with practitioners in the field, and feature speakers both on campus and off campus at exclusive Washington locations, such as embassies and Capitol Hill offices.

The list of seminar speakers through the program's history reads like a page from *Who's Who:* Bobby Kennedy, Everett Dirksen, Hubert Humphrey, George Bush, William Rehnquist, Harry Blackmun, Nancy Kassebaum, Robert Dole, Geraldine Ferraro, Helen Thomas, and Sam Donaldson, to name just a few.

Students who do a research paper are instructed "to do the type of research you could not do at your home institution," explains Brown. "Students are told to 'use Washington.' Attend congressional hearings. Interview professionals in the field. Use the Library of Congress and seminar information."

One of the program's founders and the Washington Semester's first director, Harold Eugene Davis, formerly of Hiram College in Ohio, described the program's beginning in a written account: "At Hiram . . . I had been working to interest students in active participation in government at all levels, both as citizens and as government servants." He attempted to provide practical experience in national politics, but found it "an expensive thing to make arrangements for study in Washington."

Davis's persistent desire to engage students in the study of Washington led to a meeting of Hiram College officials, AU's president Paul Douglass, and several AU faculty members. AU agreed to participate in and provide facilities for a Washington study program.

At a follow-up meeting, Douglass and representatives of the five original member schools cooperatively molded the program.

Based on its founding principles, the Washington Semester has matured into a program that takes full advantage of Washington's role not only as the political capital of the nation, but also as a major international and cultural center.

Nathaniel Preston, program director from 1962 to 1973, began the expansion of the program beyond its original focus on American government. Currently, students can choose from five specialized areas of study (see main story). Next January, a sixth area will be added—peace and conflict resolution.

The program's proven success has been the foundation for AU's extensive study-abroad offerings, which Brown developed. Most of these are also a mix of classroom and experiential learning. Current AU study-abroad locations are London, Rome, Copenhagen, Brussels, Vienna, Bonn, Poland, Buenos Aires, and Jamaica. Next year, a China semester will be offered for the first time.

ABC correspondent Sam Donaldson leads a seminar for journalism semester students, fall 1986.

The Washington Semester has spawned other AU programs as well. Fifteen years ago, AU began offering the Washington Summer Seminar—a two-week mini-Washington Semester program for junior high and high school students. Five years ago, the Washington Journalism Institute, modelled after the Washington Summer Seminar, was created. Last summer, AU initiated the Washington Teachers' Seminar for teachers of civics and politics.

The future of the program shows promise for continued growth. The Washington Semester has been designated a "center of excellence" (see "Campus News," page 14), a distinction recognizing the success and unique mission of the program. To accommodate its size and the special needs of its participants, the entire Washington Semester operation will relocate this fall to the newly acquired Tenley Circle campus.

According to Narduzzi, the move will provide much needed space and offer better access to mass transportation for students commuting to internships.

The site of the former Immaculata-Dunblane Schools, the campus's five buildings are now undergoing complete renovation and have been renamed. Future Washington Semester students will live and study in Capital, Congressional, and Federal Halls, and Constitution and Independence Buildings.

—TLE

"'Good fortune'—that's what John Swartzbaugh says about getting to work for the Watergate committee. Swartzbaugh, a junior at Augustana College, Rock Island (Illinois) (attended The American University's Washington Semester program). . . .

—*Canton, IL,* **Ledger**, *January 7, 1974*

"I find it almost impossible to express in a few paragraphs all that I got from the Washington Semester Program. It is more than a semester of critical study of American government. It is a semester of work, sweat, rush, work, worry, work, sweat, and more work. . . . Students in the Washington Semester program may stay up until 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning, go to bed and get up at 7 a.m. only to be off on another day's whirlwind activities fresh as ever."

—*Laurel D. McClellan,*
The Wesleyan Advance,
Kansas Wesleyan University, 1970.

Daphne Robinson outside the highest court in the land.

Laura Young checking the news wire at American News Bureau.

Photos by Kathie Koenig

When an industry vital to some part of the defense strategy says it's in trouble, the office looks to see if the claim is justified. The goal, he said, "is to protect the security of this country. Is supporting the precision optics industry in the interest of the government? Do we need these products in case of war?"

Although Holstein approached the semester with a plan to immerse himself in his internship, he found the rest of the program equally valuable. He remembered a particularly relevant seminar on international debt, a daily issue in his Pentagon office, and enlightening field trips and meetings with officials at the International Monetary Fund and the International Trade Commission.

By the end of the semester, the Chicago native was beginning to rethink his previous career goal of becoming a lawyer or investment banker. "Maybe making money isn't the only way to go. A job like [my internship] is so much more exciting. Some of the things you do will affect how somebody in Kenya is going to get his food."

Former Iowa congressman Fred Schwengel, *far left*, with Washington Semester students on the steps of the Capitol Building, circa 1960.

Daphne Robinson Justice Semester

April 6, 1987, is a day Daphne Robinson won't soon forget. An intern in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Robinson was one of four people who that day helped assemble the opinion by Justice Lewis Powell that, ultimately, forced Texaco to declare bankruptcy. The ruling called for Texaco to post an $11 billion bond while appealing a $10.5 billion damage award to Pennzoil. Pennzoil had won the damage award in 1985 after a corporate struggle between the two companies for Getty Oil. Uncertainty about Texaco's reaction to the opinion would surely send Wall Street into a frenzy.

"I knew this document was really sensitive," Robinson recalls. "They put us in a room to put the opinion together and told us not to leave. My boss said if there was a leak, they would know we were responsible. If the press had gotten this ahead of time, they would have had a field day. And we would probably have gone to jail for years."

Robinson, who'll begin her senior year at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi, this fall, is an English major who plans to go to law school. "I had to do something to make myself stand out," she said when asked why she chose the Washington Semester. "I felt English was not going to be enough when applying to law school."

When it came to choosing an internship, she was torn between the possibly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to work inside the Supreme Court and a spot with D.C. Law Students in Court, a legal clinic for the poor, where she'd get to help with legal case work. "So many people told me that I wouldn't get a true legal experience working in the Supreme Court," she said. "But I'm fascinated by constitutional law—more than by criminal or civil law. I took a class in constitutional law, but only now am I beginning to understand it and really grasp what's going on in the Court."

In the clerk's office, she worked on filing, correspondence, tracking docket sheets, and preparing official copies of opinions. She turned a deaf ear to those who thought her internship too clerical. "I worked in the *clerk's* office, so we do clerical work. But we had access to literally thousands of Supreme Court cases."

A copy of one of those cases—Justice Powell's Texaco opinion—is now among her most prized possessions.

Laura Young
Journalism Semester

News in the making is one half of the excitement of Washington. Covering it is the other. Laura Young couldn't get enough of Washington news coverage. When she wasn't accompanying reporters on assignment for the American News Bureau, where she interned, or discussing issues with journalists in seminars, or attending press briefings, she says, "I found myself watching C-Span [the Congressional Public Affairs cable TV channel]."

A rhetoric major at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, Young chose the Washington Semester as a way to test her desire to be a television reporter. The American News Bureau, a news service that provides Washington news coverage for about fifty television stations around the country, is not unionized, so Young had access to the hands-on experience she sought.

"Each day when I'd arrive at the bureau, I'd check in with the assignment desk and find the most interesting story. I'd follow the reporter and cameraperson and help carry equipment."

Out on the story, she would put herself in the reporter's shoes: "I would think out how I would write the script. Then, the next day, when the tapes were free, I'd use the footage to put together my own package," not for the air, but for practice, she explained.

In addition to this kind of start-to-finish experience, Young also learned the unpredictable pace of the news business: "The day the Tower Commission report [on the Iran/Contra affair] came out, we had to run from the House TV Gallery, where members of Congress were giving their opinions of the report, over to the Hart Building, where there was a stake out at the Senate Select Committee's hearing. The whole day was rush-rush. That was Thursday—chaos. The next day—Friday—nothing."

Young credits Susan Morrison, assistant professor in AU's School of Communication and academic director of the journalism semester in 1987, with opening many doors. "She knows the field," Young said of Morrison, a veteran Washington journalist who's worked at ABC and CBS, "and got us so many good seminar speakers."

Those speakers included Jody Powell, former presidential press secretary; John McWethy, ABC correspondent; and David Gergen, former White House communications

Where are they now?

While the Washington Semester is not a guaranteed ticket to career success, its alumni generally boast impressive resumes today.

Many, we learned, get "Potomac Fever" and return to the nation's capital for graduate study or a career.

One alum who hopes to return to Washington next year to continue his political career is Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis (WS'54), Democratic candidate for president.

Some other alumni who have become Washington newsmakers include Max Cleland (WS'63), former director of the Veterans Administration, now Georgia's Secretary of State; Nancy Teeters (WS'51), former governor of the Federal Reserve Board; and John Dean (WS'60), legal counsel to the president during the Nixon administration.

Washington Semester alumna Nancy Teeters, former Federal Reserve Board governor, speaks with economic policy students at the Federal Reserve Board, 1982.

Some recent grads *American* magazine tracked down include:

- Andrea Frank (WS'78), Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, associate with the law firm of Goldberg and Freilich.
- John Martin Nash (WS'79), Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, management analyst with the Justice Department (Nash earned an M.P.A. from AU in 1982).
- Thomas Cremins (WS'84), Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, senior researcher with the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space, a group studying space technologies which will peacefully enhance national security.

We learned of one marriage between Washington Semester classmates . . .

- Richard Foglesong (WS'61), Drury College, Springfield, Missouri, and Carol Remington (WS'61), Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia, married in 1971. Richard is professor of political science at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida. Carol is director of development for Junior Achievement in Winter Park.

. . . and one family with two generations of alumni:

- Joseph Bloch (WS'55), Alfred University, Alfred, New York, is a specialist in health care administration and owns Forest View Nursing Home, Forest Hills, New York. Daughter Nancy (WS'87), will be a senior this fall at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.

—TLE

"Of all our experiences, from getting lost in mass labyrinths of the Pentagon and the State Department to our elevator rides with Senators Barry Goldwater and Edward Kennedy and Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, the assassination of the late President (Kennedy) was the one event which left a permanent impression on our minds.

Our seminars with Mr. Kennedy's special assistants and his brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver, provided us with insights into the personality of this figure and the momentous problems he faced."

—*Leilani Lattin (Denison student),* The Anchora, *Winter 1964.*

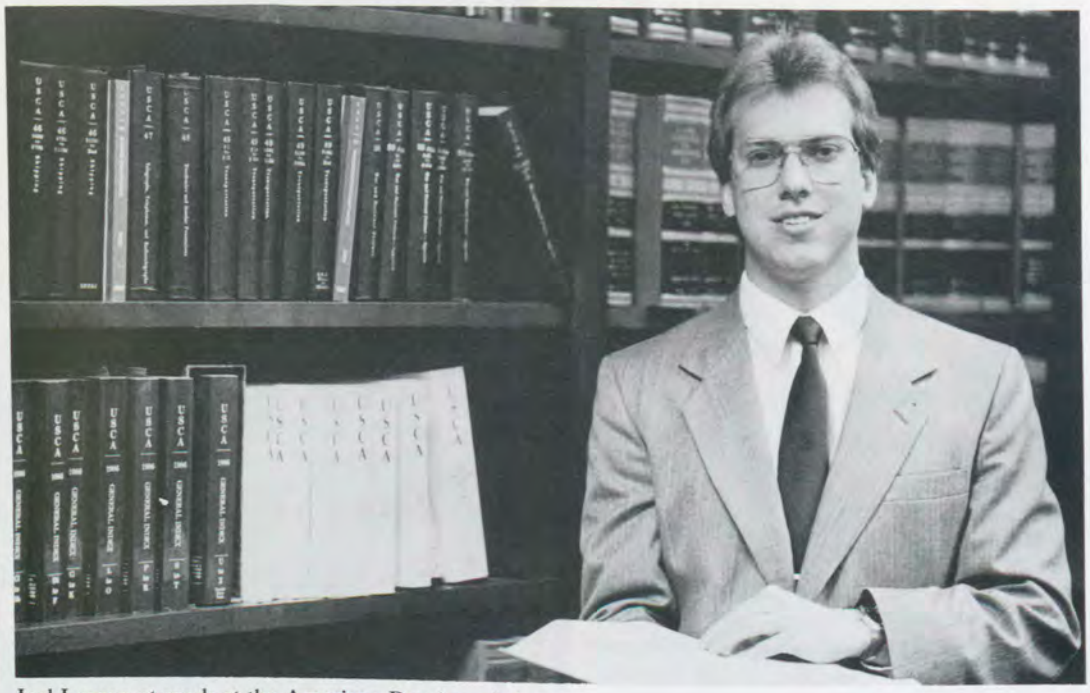


Photo by Kathie Koenig

Joel Larson at work at the American Bar Association.

Spring 1964 Washington Semester students pose for a class photo on the White House grounds.

director and now editor of *U.S. News and World Report*.

Despite the fact she left Washington with "demo" tapes of three news stories, Young has now changed her mind about her career goal. Frustrated by how short stories had to be to suit the demands of air time, she thinks she'd be happier as a print reporter. "TV reporters can't get down to the nitty gritty of a story. They have to rely on the camera too much. I would rather do more research and interviews."

But her close-up look at Washington only fanned the flames of her interest in politics. This summer, she is working in New Hampshire for Joe Biden, the Delaware senator who's making a bid for the White House. "Then," she grinned, "maybe I'll become his press secretary once he's president."

Joel Larson
American Politics Semester

A political science major at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, Joel Larson plans on law as a career and politics as a possibility. He says he opted for the Washington Semester largely because he'd never been out of Minnesota. "I love the Midwest, but I wanted to get out and see another part of the country. When you think law and politics, you think Washington."

Before Washington, he didn't think much about child abuse, but he wound up immersed in the issue as an intern at the American Bar Association (ABA). As part of a project designed to streamline prosecution in child abuse cases, he researched the procedures now in use around the country. The material he collected will eventually be published by the ABA.

The project's goal, Larson explained, is to develop a "coordinated response" that ensures the child is not further abused by procedures that require repeated interrogations.

The experience awakened him to the magnitude of the problem and reinforced his desire to be a lawyer. Inspired by his internship, he'll begin work on a senior thesis on victim's rights when he returns to Hamline in the fall. "This internship made me want to do something about this issue. Some of the cases I read were truly horrible."

A self-described "Minnesota democrat," who talks about politics the way most people talk about the weather, Larson described his Washington Semester experience as textbook pages coming to life. He offers as a prime example a field trip to the Federal U.S. District Court to hear D.C. Circuit judges Abner Mikva and Robert Bork debate the Constitution, a special event to commemorate its Bicentennial. American Politics Semester academic director Deborah Kelly secured invitations for the class.

"They debated whether the Court should take an activist role or exercise judicial restraint. Being here in Washington, on the two-hundredth anniversary of the Constitution, hearing these judges debate the kind of issue that is usually just found in books was an experience."

"You can't ask books questions," he said. "But to be able to direct your questions at the source is great."

—Terry Lowe-Edwards '79 with Anne Kelleher

AMERICAN *Family Ties*

For some families, an American University education is a bond shared by two or even three generations. Here's a look at some who, through shared memories and unmistakable pride, have passed along the AU tradition.

- When Robert Finfer received his bachelor's degree from AU's Kogod College of Business Administration this spring, he followed a path laid out by his father twenty-seven years earlier.
- When Danisha Crosby graduates from AU in May 1988, she will represent the third generation of her mother's clan and the second of her father's to call AU its college home.
- George Shaskan '43 started a family tradition of AU graduate study carried on by daughters Carol and Susan.
- After virtually growing up on campus, the twin sons of the late AU legend Stafford "Pop" Cassell both earned AU undergraduate degrees in 1977.

◀ Proud father Paul Finfer '60 with son Robert and daughter Leslie after Robert's AU graduation ceremony in May.

Photo by Kathie Koenig

In our increasingly mobile society, the family alma mater may be challenging the family homestead or hometown as the tie that binds. Annabelle Motz Blum, AU sociology professor emerita and president of the District of Columbia Sociological Society, attributes great significance to family links to a university. "In a society where families on the move must search for roots," she states, "a common tie to a university offers a sense of continuity and stability."

Dr. Blum, whose husband, Joseph, is an AU professor emeritus of math and computer science, credits family traditions with promoting security and strengthening self-identity among family members. "Even though the family moves around, their university gives them a physical site of their own, a place that ties members together."

The AU families interviewed for this article are but a small sampling of the many such examples in the American community. They all share a tradition that makes for a very special family tie.

When Paul Finfer '60, Robert's father, started at AU in 1956, he intended an early transfer to Wharton. His plans soon changed. "When I got to know the university, the people, the programs, and Washington itself," he says, "I couldn't leave. It was an exciting time. AU was in a period of transition, opening its doors to an influx of students from all over the world."

An accounting major, Paul was active in the student government and involved in the formation of the Phi Epsilon fraternity. "My fraternity brothers and I remain close to this day," he says. "My kids couldn't help but see that closeness and hear how enthusiastic we are about our AU experiences."

Paul Finfer let his enthusiasm speak for itself, never pushing his children to choose his alma mater for their higher education. In fact, Paul admits to some apprehension along with excitement when his son Robert decided to attend AU. Says the senior Finfer, "I had built AU up so much, I didn't want him to be disappointed." According to Robert, his father needn't have worried. In addition to pursuing a degree in the business school as his father had, Robert's AU experiences mirrored his father's in other ways: he was instrumental in founding a new fraternity on campus—Zeta Beta Tau—and his faculty advisor, Donald Brenner, had been Paul's business law professor.

The New York family's representation in the AU student body didn't end with Robert's graduation. His sister Leslie is a member of AU's Class of '89.

Anna Hunter Hovermale '33 started her family's procession to AU. When Anna Jo Hovermale Crosby '60, her daughter, was looking at colleges, she remembered the stories her mother had told about her days at AU. These reminiscences were influential in Anna Jo's decision to attend AU.

Although students no longer lived in Mary Graydon Hall as they had in the 1930s, and although campus rules had changed considerably since Anna Hunter was an undergraduate, her daughter found that the essentials had not changed. The close-knit community that prevailed in her mother's memories still characterized the AU that Anna Jo found.

"The dorms were small and there weren't that many students living on campus," she says. "We became very close."

A year after her graduation in 1960, Anna Jo returned to AU to work in the math department, where she met David Crosby '62, who would later become her husband. David, an AU math professor for the last twenty years, also has happy memories of his student days.

"I transferred to AU in my sophomore year and quickly became friendly with a large group from the math department," he says. "AU has never lost its appeal for me."

When the Crosbys' daughter Danisha, who will be a senior this fall, echoed their loyalty to the university by deciding to attend AU, they were thrilled. David admits some concern, however, about Danisha's studying statistics while he taught in the math department. "I didn't want to put extra pressure on her," he explains.

Danisha admits that taking math classes from professors who had known her all her life was sometimes disconcerting. "They expected a lot from Dr. Crosby's daughter," she says, "but I think that made me work harder to meet their expectations." Despite some academic pressure, this third-generation AUer says that having her father at AU actually made the transition to college easier than it might have been.

George Shaskan '43 started his family's habit of AU postgraduate work after receiving his undergraduate degree from Princeton. While a Rockefeller-sponsored intern for the National Institute of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C., in 1939, he took an economics course at AU. This exposure led to his subsequent enrollment as a graduate student in business administration.

"I've always been impressed with AU's internships," he says. "Students have the opportunity to take advantage of what Washington has to offer, including contact with high-ranking officials."

When his daughter Carol Shaskan Horn '74 was looking at graduate schools, she found the decision easy. She had received her bachelor's degree in public administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School.

"Many graduates from Maxwell went to AU, some taught there, and the public administration program received widespread respect," she says. "And, of course, my father was very positive about AU and encouraged my decision."

George Shaskan '43 with daughters Susan Shaskan Luse WCL'77, *left*, and Carol Shaskan Horn '74.

Another Shaskan daughter, Susan Shaskan Luse WCL'77, says her decision to attend the Washington College of Law was influenced more by her sister Carol than by anyone else. Says the Smith College graduate, "I visited Carol when she was at AU and got to know the campus and Washington. I knew AU was right for me. It was icing on the cake to have my father and my sister share the same experience."

Susan strengthened her family ties to AU even further when she married Eric Luse WCL'77, whom she met during her first semester in law school.

◀ When Millicent Becker Yater '39, *right*, decided to attend AU, she never dreamed she'd be starting a family tradition. Her daughter, Mitzi Yater Fuller '76, *left*, followed suit, as did her granddaughter, Barbara Howard Bloomquist '86. The three-generation AU family is now recruiting a prospective fourth (Barbara's son Scott) for the Class of 2007.

Stafford "Pop" Cassell '36 watching sons Jack, *left,* and Stafford, Jr., lend a hand in the groundbreaking ceremony for AU's Kay Spiritual Life Center in June 1963.

Few families have closer links with the university than the Cassells. Over the years at AU, Stafford "Pop" Cassell '36 was a varsity football and basketball player, basketball coach, assistant football coach, director of athletics, assistant to the president, and alumni secretary. His twin sons, Jack '77 and Stafford, Jr. '77, remember their American childhood.

"When we were kids," says Jack, "we spent every weekend on campus. We were bat boys for the baseball team and ball boys for the basketball team. When there was a game, we were there."

After "Pop" Cassell's death when the boys were ten, family friends, especially former AU athletic director Bob Frailey, continued to see that they spent a lot of time on campus. Jack says the memory of his father played a big part in his decision to attend AU.

"I remember running around in his varsity letter jacket when I was a kid and wanting one of my own," he says. "When it came time to go to college, AU was the natural choice for me."

Majoring in communications, Jack became a brother, then president, of Phi Sigma Kappa, the fraternity that had made his father an honorary member. Jack also earned his own varsity letter jacket as a member of AU's soccer team.

Staff, Jr., transferred to AU after three years at the University of North Carolina. During the senior year they spent together, "Pop" Cassell's sons proudly saw the athletic building named for their father.

◀ Cyrus Ansary '55 and his daughter Pary Ansary Sheehan '86 share a great love for AU. As chairman of AU's Board of Trustees, Cyrus was frequently on campus for meetings during his daughter's AU years. "I'd stop by her dorm and chat with students," he says. "I was absolutely elated to have her there." For Pary, transferring to AU after two years at West Virginia Wesleyan was a great change of pace: "AU was larger, and I immediately liked all it had to offer—the people, the activities, and the academics." Says Cyrus, "Having Pary as an AU grad is a great source of family pride."

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▲ Anthony (Tony) Morella '58, a Washington College of Law professor for twenty-five years, and his wife, Representative Connie Morella (R-Md.) '67, believe in letting their children make their own choices. So when two of them, Mark '85 and Laura, a junior this fall, decided to follow their parents' example and attend AU, the Morellas were thrilled. "Going to AU was the best thing I ever did," says Tony. "Naturally, I want my children to also have the best college experience possible. We were very glad to see Mark and Laura choose AU."

Jack says AU will always be very special to him. "I'm especially excited now that the athletic center—something dad always wanted for AU—is a reality."

His brother, Staff, Jr., agrees. "With the great memories AU holds for us, and the high quality of education it offers," says Staff, "I'd be proud to have my son, Stafford III, now two, go to AU one day and carry on the family tradition."

—Jill Bernstein '83 with Joan Holleman

Is AU a tradition in your family? We'd like to hear your story. Send letters to: *American* magazine, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Picture Perfect:

More than one thousand AU alumni from coast to coast returned to campus April 24-26 to celebrate Reunion '87. Friday evening's events included dinner and dancing aboard *The Spirit*, a new Potomac River cruise vessel. On Saturday, a full day of events on campus—college open houses, "mini-college" classes, a midday barbecue on the quad, and a tour of the new sports and convocation center now nearing completion—led up to a gala dinner dance that evening in downtown Washington. Four brunches for different groups of alumni on Sunday brought the weekend to a close on a convivial note.

For more complete photo coverage of Reunion '87, look for the premiere issue of the *American Alumni Scene* in early September.

Leen Gould '64, *left*, Paul Waugaman '61, and Dot Murray Waugaman '62 huddle with the AU Eagle on the quad.

Celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary, members of the Class of '62 assemble in front of Mary Graydon Center to say "cheese" for their official photo.

High spirits and the traditional tent on the quad keep things cozy at Saturday's barbecue despite the unseasonably cool weather.

Reunion '87

Alumni Association president Jim Hammond '64 and wife, Leslie, take a spin around the dance floor during Saturday evening's gala at the Capital Hilton Hotel.

"AU Couples"—alumni who met at AU and later married—pose with AU president Richard Berendzen and wife, Gail, *back, center,* at a dinner dance reception where the couples received rosebuds and special recognition.

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Peg LeMasters Ziperman '37, *right,* and her daughter-in-law Cindy board the *Spirit* for an evening cruise along the Potomac. The pair traveled from Texas to celebrate Peg's fiftieth class reunion.

Alumni touring the sports and convocation center construction site still need hardhats but no longer need rely solely on imagination to envision the finished product.

Campus News

Program review, new general education plan reshape academics

Academically, 1986-87 was a watershed year for the university. A three-year assessment of the university's academic strengths and weaknesses was completed by the faculty and approved by Provost Milton Greenberg. Some programs, designated "centers of excellence," were targeted for greater development. Other programs will be revised or eliminated.

In addition Greenberg has approved an innovative new general education curriculum for undergraduate students.

By early summer, centers of excellence were named in economics, finance, marketing, history, painting, and the Washington Semester Program. Other centers are expected to be announced soon within the School of Government and Public Administration, the School of International Service, and the School of Communication.

While organized around different themes and disciplines, the centers share several common characteristics:

- a strong academic program that has achieved or has the potential to achieve national recognition;
- teaching and guidance by outstanding faculty and mentors, some of whom are designated distinguished professors;
- significant links to institutions, associations, and experts unique to Washington;
- boundary breaking values that foster interdisciplinary study;
- a blend of the theoretical with the practical;
- a significant public outreach component.

The new general education requirements will be fully implemented for students entering in the fall of 1989. The requirements are expected to give AU undergraduates a common intellectual foundation through courses that expose them to a wide range of intellectually and culturally important issues, encourage an understanding of inter-relatedness among fields, stress in-depth study, and recognize ethical and social responsibility.

These developments, according to Greenberg, "will reshape our university for the future." □

Nationally-known scholars to enhance SGPA, history programs

Two scholars with national reputations in their respective fields will come to AU in 1987-88. In August, Charles H. Levine, a leading authority in public administration, joins AU's faculty as Distinguished Professor of Government and Public Administration in the School of Government and Public Administration (SGPA). Joan Hoff-Wilson, currently the executive secretary of the Organization of American Historians and a professor of history at Indiana University, will be AU's first "Landmarks Scholar of History." Her appointment is for the spring of 1988.

The appointments were made in conjunction with the university's newly designated centers of excellence (See related story on program review).

Levine, a senior specialist in American national government and public administration for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, is "widely regarded by both scholars and practitioners as someone who has thought deeply and written perceptively about such issues as governmental finance, budget, and retrenchment," says SGPA dean Dorothy James. "His past research on cutback management [the theory of how public organizations on the local and national level decline and the effect of retrenchment on personnel and policies] conducted in the seventies and eighties is considered seminal, as is his current research on the role of federal public sector employees in an era of more limited resources."

The author or co-author of nine books, more than fifty articles and several monographs, Levine earned his B.S. degree from the University of Connecticut and his M.B.A., M.P.A., and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University.

Initially, Levine will teach a course in both the M.P.A. and the Key Executive programs, lead a doctoral seminar, and conduct his own research.

Charles H. Levine

Joan Hoff-Wilson

Photo by Kathie Koenig

Hoff-Wilson's appointment is tied to the history department's new program "Landmarks in the Rise of Modern America." A biennial conference in cooperation with the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History is a feature of this program. The first conference, set for April 15-16, 1988, is entitled "Women and the Constitution: 200 Years."

A specialist in twentieth-century American political history, diplomatic history, and women's history, Hoff-Wilson will teach a course in the spring semester, as well as contribute a paper to that conference. She also will be featured in a symposium during her visit and will advise graduate and undergraduate students.

According to Robert Beisner, history department chair, Hoff-Wilson's name "commands almost universal recognition among historians. She has an excellent reputation as a scholar.

Levine wins Dimock Award

Charles Levine, AU's newly appointed Distinguished Professor of Government and Public Administration has won the prestigious Marshall E. Dimock Award for "The Federal Government in the Year 2000: Administrative Legacies of the Reagan Years," which appeared in the May/June 1986 *Public Administration Review*, published by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

The Dimock Award is given annually to the author of the best lead article in this scholarly journal, which is recognized as preeminent in its field. □

Hurst Society hears Helen Thomas

AU president Richard Berendzen joins guest speaker Helen Thomas, chief of United Press International's White House Bureau, at the annual John Fletcher Hurst Society Luncheon at the Occidental Restaurant in the Willard Hotel. The Hurst Society recognizes individuals who contribute $500 to $999 to AU's Annual Fund. At the March 3 affair, Thomas, who has covered every U.S. president since John F. Kennedy, provided an insider's look at the White House.

New facilities take shape

Renovation of AU's new Tenley campus, *top*, Washington Semester's future home, is scheduled for completion this fall. The work involves reconfiguring existing interior space while preserving the buildings' exterior character. Also in August, the Campus Store will be among the first services moving to the new Abbey Joel Butler Pavilion, *bottom*, a major component of the Adnan Khashoggi Sports and Convocation Center. Target date for completion, including all athletic facilities is December '87.

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I literally do not know anyone else in the profession who, in such a relatively short time, has made such an impact in three different fields of history."

Hoff-Wilson's major writings include the forthcoming *Balancing the Scales: Changing Legal Status of American Women* and *American Business and Foreign Policy, 1920-1933; Herbert Hoover: Forgotten Progressive;* and *Sexism and the Law: Male Beliefs and Legal Bias in Britain and the United States* (co-authored). Last year, she edited *The Rights of Passage: The Past, Present, and Future of ERA.*

She earned her B.A. in European History from the University of Montana and her M.A. in Slavic History from Cornell University. She did graduate work in Russian/French history at the University of Strasbourg in France and earned her Ph.D. in American history from the University of California at Berkeley. □

Berendzen appoints AIDS task force

A new task force of representatives from the major campus constituencies is charged with developing and implementing an AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) educational program. The program will be directed at the entire campus community. AU apparently is the first university in the United States to have such a task force.

In naming the task force last March, AU president Richard Berendzen said, "I don't want be an alarmist, but AIDS is an international problem. In our own country alone, the surgeon general of the United States estimates that by the end of 1991, 179,000 Americans will have died from AIDS. That's almost three times the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam war."

Young people are especially vulnerable, Berendzen said, because "they tend to be sexually active and to experiment, and they sometimes are not sufficiently informed or cautious."

While he acknowledged that the sensitive nature of the transmission of AIDS makes talking about the situation difficult, the urgency of the matter makes blunt talk necessary. "This is a life and death issue," Berendzen said.

According to task force chair Herb Striner, university professor in the Kogod College of Business Administration, the comprehensive program will be directed "at the entire AU community—students, faculty, staff, and administration."

Among the task force's first efforts was an education session for incoming freshmen and their parents held during this year's Summer Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) conference. The AIDS session also will be part of fall orientation. □

"Heard on Campus"

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Columnist Art Buchwald answers the question "Why Doesn't Anyone Ever Leave Washington?" at the April 29 American Forum. Also offering their views on the topic were, *from left*, Jody Powell, White House press secretary during the Carter Administration; Sanford Ungar, School of Communication dean and forum moderator; Helen Thomas, UPI White House correspondent; and Frank Mankiewicz, executive vice president, Hill and Knowlton Public Affairs Worldwide. The American Forum series features media professionals and newsmakers who discuss current issues and evaluate the media's performance in areas of public interest and controversy.

"One of the interesting facts already clear about 1988 is there won't be political extremes. There will be no one to the left of the fish fork or to the right of the soup spoon."

—***George F. Will,*** *syndicated columnist in a lecture sponsored by the Kennedy Political Union, April 7.*

"The simple truth is . . . there are millions of people in Africa in most cases running from drought and famine but in a lot of cases running from regimes that are unfair. Somehow or other we have to get that story onto the front page—not just to feed them, but also to use our resources and have the kinds of programs where if they don't go immediately back to their country of origin, they can develop skills for a decent and dignified life in an interdependent world."

—***C. Payne Lucas '62,*** *executive director of Africare, a Washington-based private development organization, speaking at an American Forum on press coverage of refugee issues, April 16.*

"If nowadays anyone associates [Martin Luther] King with his 'I've Got a Dream' speech, they come away with an incomplete understanding of the man. The most important part of his legacy came after 1965, and it dealt with his challenging critique of the structure of the American economy, the sinking of the black underclass, and the way in which America ought to deal with the nations of the Third World."

—***David Garrow,*** *author of* Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference *and winner of the 1987 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, speaking at a forum sponsored by the School of Communication and the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, May 8.*

Commencement speakers discuss politics, freedom, success

The five speakers at AU's eighty-fifth commencement offered graduates reflections on topics as diverse as politics, public service, freedom, the U.S. Constitution, and the outlook for success.

Approximately fifteen hundred students participated in the traditional rites, AU's last to be held in different Washington locations. (See following story.)

Speaking at the commencement of the College of Public and International Affairs, Rep. Dante Fascell (D-Fla.) said, "the study and the management of government is extremely vital to society. . . . In this world today, we're not just interdependent . . . we're amalgamated." Fascell was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Noting the importance of freedom both politically and personally, Allen Neuharth, chairman of the Gannett Company, told the graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, "you leave this campus armed with ideas. Your most important challenge is seeing that your freedom to express those ideas is never taken away from you." Neuharth received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Harvard law professor and Constitutional law expert Laurence Tribe told the Washington College of Law graduates that Americans' insistence on their leaders' compliance with the Constitution is "absolutely crucial. If people choose leaders whose fidelity to the Constitution is a matter of convenient rhetoric. . . then it's the people and not the Constitution that must be held to account." Tribe received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Stressing the importance of hard work in achieving success, hotel executive J. W. Marriott, Jr., chairman and president of Marriott Corporation, told the graduates of the Kogod College of Business Administration that "there are no limits to achievement for those willing to prepare, to work, and who have the determination never to give up." Marriott was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree. At the same ceremony, AU International Advisory Board member Geoffrey Leigh received a presidential citation for his work in England on behalf of the university. Leigh's stepson Anthony J. Pell was among the KBCA graduates.

New location, traditions planned for next spring

Commencement '87 marked the end of an era at AU. This year's spring graduates were the last to receive their degrees under the university's system of separate commencement ceremonies in different Washington locations. Next spring graduates and their families will gather on campus in the Bender Arena of AU's new sports and convocation center.

As the class of 1987 departed, a group of university administrators was beginning to plan spring commencement '88. Anticipating the opening of the sports and convocation center, Donald Bunis, registrar and commencement committee chair, says the university has "an opportunity to create new traditions. We're anticipating an event that will have a great deal of pageantry and color, something that will be memorable for undergraduates and graduate students alike." □

At the commencement ceremony of the Lucy Webb Hayes School of Nursing, Faye Abdellah, deputy surgeon general and chief nurse officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, urged her audience to learn how to acquire and use political power. "Set your goals very high and work together, recognizing that politics can become power." Abdellah received an honorary doctor of public service degree. □

Geoffrey Leigh, *second from left,* and J. W. Marriott, Jr. join Provost Milton Greenberg, *left,* and AU president Richard Berendzen before KCBA's ceremony in Constitution Hall.

CAS commencement speaker Allen Neuharth in the robing room before the ceremony.

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School of Communication graduates, *from left,* Erin Williams, David Aldridge, and Deidre Lynch.

Provost Milton Greenberg and SON acting dean Patricia O'Connor-Finn adjust the hood for commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient Faye Abdellah.

Rep. Dante Fascell (D-Fla.) speaking to CPIA graduates.

WCL commencement speaker Laurence Tribe, *left,* and WCL dean Frederick Anderson confer before the law school's graduation ceremony.

Some of the approximately fifteen hundred graduates who participated in commencement '87.

Faculty

New theory advanced on origin of Constitution

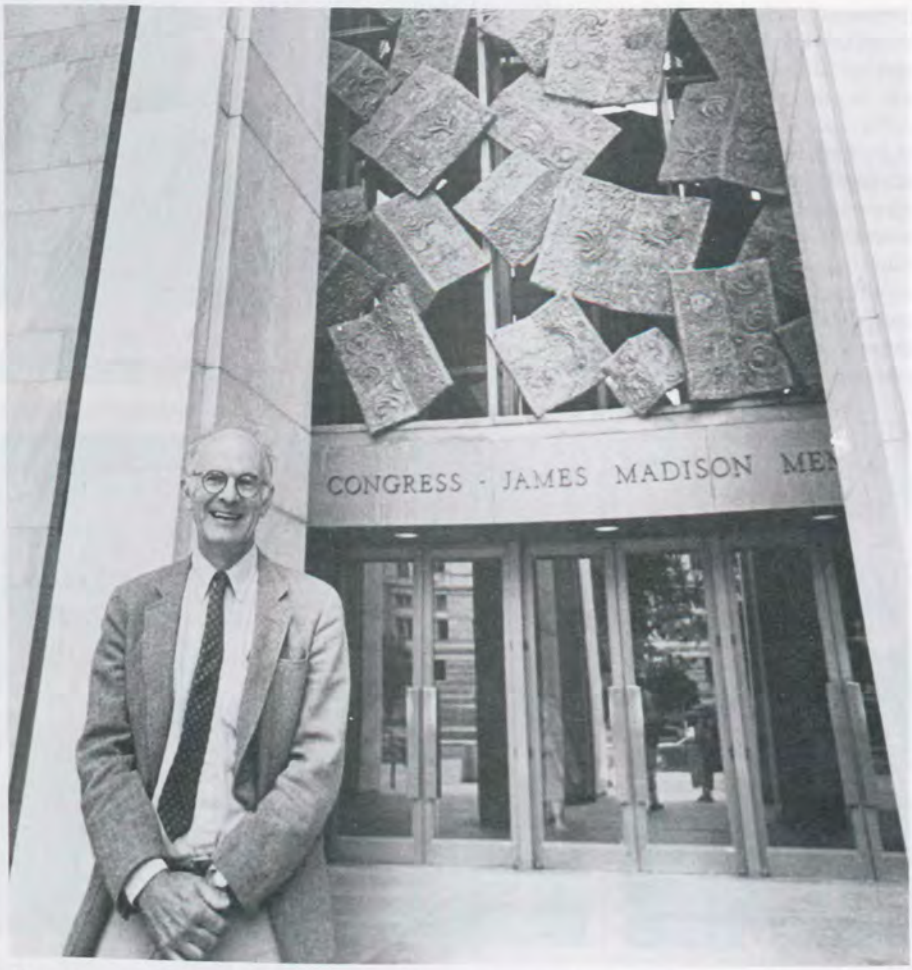
An AU history professor contends the United States ratified a new constitution two hundred years ago primarily because state taxing systems were failing rather than, as other historians have suggested, because of the weakness of the central government in effect in 1787.

Roger Brown, who has spent the last twenty-two years researching and writing about the origins of the Constitution, first became interested in the subject after completing a book on the War of 1812. "What struck me about that period was the American leadership's perception of their country as a republic in danger," says Brown, a member of the AU faculty since 1965. "In 1812 the threat was external. But the same fear was prevalent in the years just after the Revolution for domestic reasons."

Previous constitutional historians have based their analyses of the origins of the Constitution on the economic and diplomatic problems of the weak American Confederation Congress during the years after the revolution. Brown chose to study individual state taxing systems, because "taxing is the single most important act of any government. Logically then, how well a government collects taxes should say something about the government's effectiveness."

According to Brown, the tax problem in early America was two-pronged. On the one hand, the central government needed revenue but was not empowered to collect taxes. The state legislatures were authorized to collect taxes, but a poor economy and lack of hard currency made it difficult for citizens, particularly farmers, to pay the taxes they owed.

"Some of the Founding Fathers, many of whom were powerful within the state legislatures, perceived their state's failure to collect taxes from farmers as a symptom of the government's breakdown," says Brown. Believing that tax delinquency was an individual moral and behavioral failure, they "accused the farmers of spending too much time in taverns and political meetings."



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Historian Roger Brown at the entrance of the Library of Congress's James Madison Memorial Library.

Other Founding Fathers believed the tax problem was a symptom of larger economic problems. "These people knew that farm prices had fallen sharply and that farmers couldn't borrow money to meet their tax obligations," he notes. These Founding Fathers became the Anti-Federalist opponents of the Constitution's ratification.

As he studied the state taxing systems, Brown found a common pattern emerging. When the state governments began to punish delinquents by holding auctions on their goods, farmers retaliated by "taking matters into their own hands. They refused to bid against less fortunate neighbors in auctions, they nullified tax collectors' sales, they physically obstructed tax collectors, and in some cases they also resorted to mass force," he says.

In Massachusetts, the state responded by calling out the militia. In Pennsylvania and South Carolina, the state governments backed off altogether. "Either way, taxes were not collected and government operations stalled," Brown says.

This stoppage, Brown contends was the catalyst for the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. "The key to the confederation's troubles, the Federalists believed, was the poor performance of the state governments in collecting taxes," Brown says. "It was time to overcome their fear of a strong central government and devise a system with the power to tax, raise an army, and enforce its own laws." □

Getting beyond the headlines: SGPA professor looks at Central America

As a recognized authority on Central America, William LeoGrande's views are frequently sought and reported by the news media. *American* magazine asked this AU professor to share his views on the problems facing the region.

In your most recent book, Confronting Revolution: Security through Diplomacy in Central America *you and your co-editors recommend the United States use diplomacy to resolve differences. Can you give some examples?*

The most important thing is halting assistance to the Contras. By fueling the war against Nicaragua we are destabilizing the entire region and we are making any kind of diplomatic solution impossible. Second, we should give real support to the Contadora process to achieve a regional peace treaty; third, reopen bilateral negotiations with Nicaragua; and fourth, use our influence in El Salvador to try to bring about a negotiated solution to the civil war there.

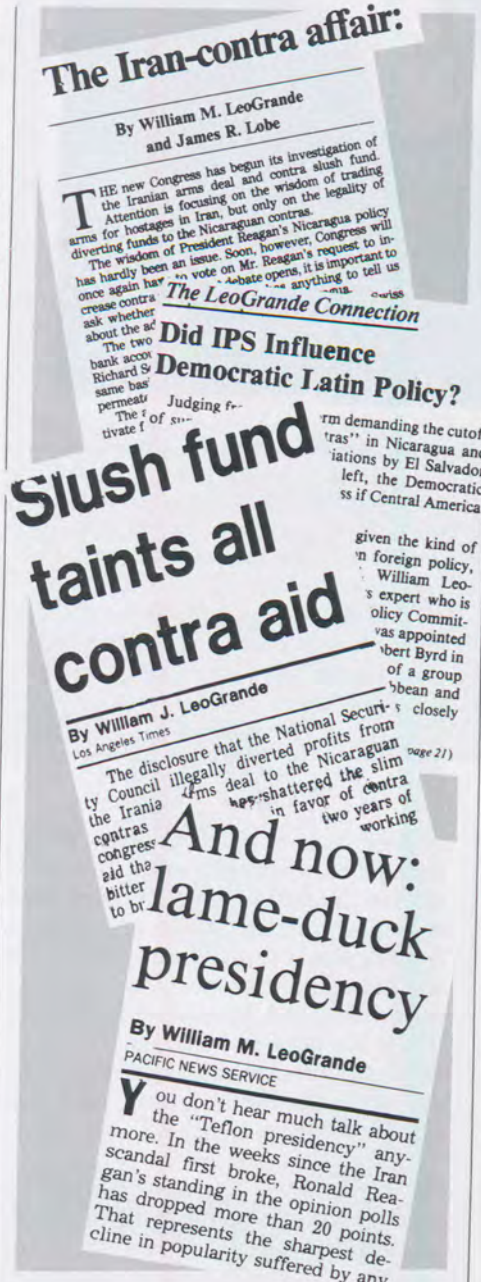
How do you assess the current situation in Central America?

Central America is a region at war. The whole area is devoting increasing resources to war or preparations for war rather than to the very pressing tasks of economic recovery and economic development.

Moreover, the crisis in Central America is a Central American crisis. It's a product of the societies there. It's a conflict between the haves and the have-nots.

What are the roots of the conflict?

These countries are and have always been agricultural economies. At the end of the nineteenth century, they focused on the production of coffee and bananas which are still the twin pillars of their economies. These crops have been cultivated by small oligarchies, landowners who have kept the majority of the rural population in conditions that amount to slavery. These landowners have resisted with force any effort at democratic political reform, and that's why you have the kind of political instability in the region that you see today.


The Iran-contra affair:

By William M. LeoGrande and James R. Lobe

THE new Congress has begun its investigation of the Iranian arms deal and contra slush fund. Attention is focusing on the wisdom of trading arms for hostages in Iran, but only on the legality of diverting funds to the Nicaraguan contras.

The wisdom of President Reagan's Nicaragua policy has hardly been an issue. Soon, however, Congress will once again have to vote on Mr. Reagan's request to increase contra aid. Debate opens, it is important to ask whether anything to tell us about the ac

The LeoGrande Connection

Did IPS Influence Democratic Latin Policy?

Slush fund taints all contra aid

By William J. LeoGrande
Los Angeles Times

The disclosure that the National Security Council illegally diverted profits from the Iranian arms deal to the Nicaraguan contras has shattered the slim congressional majority in favor of contra aid that two years of bitter working to bring

And now: lame-duck presidency

By William M. LeoGrande
PACIFIC NEWS SERVICE

You don't hear much talk about the "Teflon presidency" anymore. In the weeks since the Iran scandal first broke, Ronald Reagan's standing in the opinion polls has dropped more than 20 points. That represents the sharpest decline in popularity suffered by any

Is America supporting the established interests in Central America or the forces for change?

The answer to that depends on whom you ask. The Reagan administration contends that it's been supporting moderate democratic forces of change. I think most critics of the administration, myself included, would argue that despite the administration's intent, the effect of its policy has been to reinforce the traditional order.

If the conflict stems from the way the society is structured, how important is U.S. involvement in resolving the problems there?

The United States can't resolve the Central American crisis all by itself—either for good or ill. But we can do a lot to help create an environment in which a peaceful solution of Central American problems is more likely. The Reagan administration has tried to settle the Central American crisis by winning it, by relying on military instruments of policy, military aid, military advisors, and military exercises in order to win the wars against the Sandanista government, the Salvadoran guerillas, and the Guatemalan guerillas. It hasn't worked. After six years of massive U.S. military aid to the region, we're no closer to having regional peace than we were at the beginning.

Is American media coverage of Central America accurate?

Yes, but it's sporadic and incomplete. The people who are writing stories from the region generally do a good job. The real problem is getting more balanced and comprehensive coverage. Editors and publishers have to be willing to send enough reporters and camera crews to give the region the kind of coverage it merits.

How powerful is the media's role?

I don't think any major events take place in Central America solely for the benefit of the media. However, the way the events are reported in the region can have a big impact in Washington. That affects U.S. policy, which in turn can have a very powerful effect on the region.

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William LeoGrande at the statue of South American liberator Simon Bolivar in Washington, D.C.

William LeoGrande has been a member of AU's faculty in the School of Government and Public Administration since 1978. He is currently a consultant to several members of Congress on Central American issues. He is a former International Affairs Fellow for the Council on Foreign Relations and has advised congressional committees and executive agencies, including the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America chaired by Henry Kissinger. He authored *Cuba's Policy in Africa* and has written articles for *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Latin American Research Review*, the *New Republic*, and the *New York Times*.

Also, there's a real tendency for media coverage of Central America to be dictated by Washington politics. If an issue is controversial in Washington, that tends to generate coverage of Central America.

How valid is the fear that Central America will become another Vietnam?

I think there is a very real similarity between the way we have become increasingly involved in Central American and the way we became involved in Vietnam. Hence, there is a very real danger that Central America could become another Vietnam.

We didn't start out in Vietnam intending to send half a million U.S. troops. We started out with a small advisory presence, trying to train the South Vietnamese army to fight for themselves. We found that every investment of United States personnel and assistance became the rationale for further investment. The more we invested, the more our credibility was at stake until, finally, when faced with the choice of losing or sending in U.S. combat forces, President Johnson chose combat. We have seen in Central America the same kind of gradual, incremental involvement of sending first a few advisors and then a few more and ever-increasing amounts of military and economic assistance. There has been an increasing U.S. role in planning and conducting military operations and an ever-increasing sense that our credibility is at stake.

What about those Americans who say we must be involved because of the Soviet Union's presence in the area?

The warnings about Soviet influence in the region have been exaggerated. That's not to say there isn't a Soviet presence, but it's relatively small. The Cuban presence is greater, and because they are close allies of the Soviets, they pose a problem as well. But if you look carefully at the role that the Cubans and Soviets have played, you discover that they've been quite cautious. They understand that this is an area of special concern to the United States. The Cubans, in particular, haven't aggravated the Central American crisis. They've been willing to support diplomatic solutions in the region along the lines of what has been proposed by U.S. allies like Mexico, Venezuela, and Panama.

How do Central Americans perceive us?

There is a certain resentment of the United States in almost every Central American country. They resent the enormous power we have over their future—economically, politically, and militarily. Interestingly, that resentment spans the political spectrum from left to right. As a result, a kind of anti-American nationalism is emerging in the region. You can see it on the far right, and, obviously, you can see it on the far left, but increasingly you can even see it among centrists. People understand that the future of their countries is often decided in Washington and that they don't have much to say about what happens in Washington.

How does that sense of nationalism fit into the context of a civil war?

It's very ironic because the people we're supporting in these civil wars probably couldn't survive without our assistance and yet, that in itself makes them resent us. That's not surprising because the more we provide them with guns and dollars, the more we feel like we have a right to tell them how to spend those dollars and how to use those guns. The more control we begin to exercise over their politics, the less real freedom, the less real national sovereignty and national autonomy they have.

What's the one thing you want Americans to know about this complex situation?

That the crisis in Central America is a Central American crisis. It's not something that the Soviet Union concocted or that Fidel Castro concocted. It's not the product of U.S. depredations either. It's a normal crisis in the sense that every society experiences growing pains, and sometimes violence is part of the process. □

Students

As spring semester ended, many AU students were honored for their outstanding achievements. Here are profiles of three standouts:

Felicia Hill

If you've seen the July issue of *Good Housekeeping*, you've probably already heard of Felicia Hill '87. A psychology major with a 3.9 grade point average, she was among the one hundred "Women of Promise" profiled in that issue.

Good Housekeeping asked over three thousand college and university presidents to submit the name of the one student from the class of 1987 at their schools who "showed exceptional indication of leadership ability, personal integrity, and scholastic skill." A panel of six nationally respected educators then judged the entries and chose the one hundred women they believed would make the most significant contributions in the future.

Hill's professional contributions will be in the field of clinical psychology. She has been accepted into a four-year doctoral program at Penn State, which she'll begin in August.

"I plan to specialize in minority mental health," she says, and "to become an authority in my field."

Hill's confidence in her ability to achieve her goals is a credit to her AU preparation. She took an experimental psychology course for an honors thesis in which she says she got "an incredible amount of research experience." She was also able to put classroom concepts into practice through an internship at a home for battered women and children and, in her senior year, as a resident advisor in Leonard Hall.

At this year's Honors Convocation, Hill was presented with two of AU's eleven student achievement awards, the first time in recent memory that a student has received more than one award.

AU administrators and faculty members found Hill to be "the senior who best exemplified integrity and selflessness in citizenship together with academic achievement" as well as "the student who has contributed most significantly to promoting understanding and acceptance of cultural and racial diversity within the university community."

Among other things, these awards sprang from Hill's involvement in the Gospel Choir, OASATAU—The Black Student Union, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and on the task force that helped to set goals for the new Office of Minority Affairs. She is also a member of Mortar Board and Phi Kappa Phi and was listed in the 1985-86 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Felicia Hill

Editor's note: Hill is also a member of an AU family (see story, p. 9). Her father, Talmadge L. Hill, graduated from AU's Washington College of Law in 1964, and her uncle, C. Payne Lucas, earned a master's degree from the School of Government and Public Administration in 1962.

Michael Klein

When Michael Klein was awarded a Fulbright grant for graduate study abroad, he was elated: "You can't *expect* to get something like this—it's an incredible opportunity."

A 1985 graduate of AU's Washington College of Law and now a master's candidate in law and international affairs in AU's School of International Service, Klein is one of 693 Fulbright scholars selected this year from 3,221 applicants nationwide. The grant will enable him to spend a year at the University of Geneva in Switzerland studying child abuse and neglect.

Klein's interest in the welfare and rights of children stems in part from having grown up with eight brothers and sisters. "I've always felt comfortable working with children," he says, "and feel it's particularly important to help kids because they can't always speak for themselves."

Before he got to college, Klein had already served as a volunteer at schools and homes for disturbed children and worked with young patients with incurable diseases at the Baltimore Children's Hospital. While an undergraduate at Emory University in Atlanta, he served as a United Way volunteer, tutoring and counseling incarcerated youths and researching juvenile delinquency and emotional disturbances of children.

At the Washington College of Law, Klein created a Juvenile Justice Society to address children's legal issues. With that group, he supervised counseling in Washington-area detention facilities and trained law students to educate children about their rights under the law.

During law school, Klein began to concentrate on international legal issues, particularly those concerning children's rights. He took courses in human rights and international law and spent a summer in Paris working in the field of family law.

Photo by Kathie Koenig

In his second year of law school, Klein began working toward his master's degree. After graduating from WCL in 1985, he began a two-year clerkship for a federal judge in Washington, D.C., and applied for a Fulbright grant.

Klein wrote his proposal for study in Switzerland because it is a major world center for organizations and scholars analyzing global problems, including child abuse and neglect.

He has been invited to consult with and use the extensive libraries of such children's advocacy groups as Defense for Children International and International Union for Child Welfare. Klein will analyze research on child abuse and neglect and look at the extent of the problem around the world and the status of efforts to deal with it.

"I'll also do a legal analysis of what's been done and what's being attempted, such as a proposed convention of human rights for children," he says.

When the year is over, Klein plans to incorporate his research into a thesis as part of his master's degree. He also hopes to get more hands-on experience: "I'd like to go to the Third World to see if proposed projects can work and to see the implementation and results firsthand."

Klein left earlier this month for three months of intensive French language study in Switzerland. He'll begin his research in October.

Michael Klein

Photos by Kathie Koenig

Martha Johnson

In some respects Martha Johnson is a model woman of her times. A working mother in a dual-career marriage, she's back at school to launch a mid-life career change.

In other respects, she's a complete original.

Having already earned a PhD in human anatomy and risen to the rank of assistant professor in a medical school, she made an intellectual 180 degree turn to pursue an MBA in finance at AU's Kogod College of Business Administration. Despite never having studied business before, she rocketed to the top of her class and captured one of this year's university awards for outstanding scholarship at the graduate level.

Johnson explains her radical career change simply: "I wanted a job where I had more control." While teaching was predictable, her scientific research on the structure of the eye was not. "I'd spend hours getting the cell cultures plated, and then come back and find they had been contaminated and had green fungus growing on them."

Family matters also figured in her decision. Her work consumed sixty to seventy hours each week, robbing her of time with her two school-age children. Also, her husband, a physician, had decided to open his own ambulatory care center. "I thought finance would be a good field to go into so I could help him with the business as well as help manage our personal finances," she says.

While most of her fellow MBA-students had taken undergraduate business classes, Johnson was faced with totally new concepts and terminology. "I was a little overwhelmed at first," she says, "but my professors were willing to give me the extra help I needed in the beginning."

Johnson more than made up for her slow start, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average and completing four unrequired term papers and a voluntary forty-five-minute class presentation. She also undertook two unrequired research projects on a specific T-bill investment strategy. At the same time, she completed a full range of accounting courses in preparation for taking the CPA exam in May.

Johnson attributes her scholastic success to her experience as a professor, a role she hopes to resume in her new field. "When you're on the faculty side, you must be prepared for every class, so I follow that pattern as a student," she says. "Also, I know what a teacher looks for in an exam."

Next year while completing her MBA, Johnson will be a graduate assistant in finance, working with department chair H. Kent Baker. □

Martha Johnson

Our new look: Class notes are now arranged by class year, instead of by school. We hope it makes it easier to find information on friends and classmates. To let us know what's new with you, see form on page 29.

1930s

'38
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1940s

'41

Susan B. Anthony, SGPA/MA, is the author of *Sidewalk Contemplatives*, a book about Catholicism and spirituality, which was published in March by The Crossroad Publishing Company. She is the grandniece of Susan B. Anthony, the suffragist.

'43
45th Reunion—April 22-24, 1988

'47

Dean Carter, CAS/BA, exhibited his sculpture and watercolors in March at the Piedmont Arts Association in Martinsville, Va. He is a professor of sculpture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

'48
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Alphonse Marx Lazarus, CAS/BS, received the Veteran's Administration Award for five thousand hours of volunteer service as a film library assistant in the radiology department of Audie Murphy Memorial Veterans' Hospital created the first ward specially designated for AIDS patients in our general hospital; we've spent millions of dollars on education for AIDS prevention; and we've funded community and in-home care for AIDS victims."

◀ Jim Lazarus, with Elizabeth Cressman, *center*, and alumni director Janet Chitwood, at the AU reception in the San Francisco mayor's office last March.

Photo by Photoworks

Deputy mayor opens Golden Gate to AU

When AU's admissions and alumni offices made a recruiting stop in San Francisco in March, Jim Lazarus '71 arranged for their reception to be held in the mayor's office. Gaining access to this special location was no problem for this alum since he is a deputy mayor.

A lawyer and former deputy city attorney, the San Francisco native was appointed to his post by Mayor Dianne Feinstein in 1983. As one of the city's two deputy mayors, Lazarus oversees the budget and program staffs, monitors office goals, and sees to daily operations, including legislative activities.

Lazarus also works on special projects for the mayor. Currently, these include attempting to finance the construction of a downtown baseball stadium for the San Francisco Giants.

"We need an up-to-date facility in an accessible location to draw larger crowds," he says. "This is important because every city without a professional team would like to take someone else's. We hope to have financing by the fall and have the team in there by April 1991. The Giants' lease expires in 1994."

Lazarus is also involved in negotiating a lease extension to keep the 49ers, the city's pro-football team, in town until 2007.

An issue very much in the news—the AIDS crisis—is a great concern in San Francisco, since it's among the U.S. cities with the largest number of reported cases. "We're working hard to cope with it," Lazarus says. "We're leading the way in the country for AIDS care—we

According to Lazarus, the city is also working hard to balance the budget. Although in good financial shape in the past, he says, the city tightened the budget this year because of "small increases in local taxes and large annual reductions in federal funding."

Since San Francisco is a combined city and county, Lazarus says the mayor's office has responsibilities that are outside the realm of traditional city functions—running a general hospital, an airport, a water and power distribution system, a port, and a transit system.

Lazarus says he averages ten or eleven hours a day in the office and brings home a briefcase full of work each night. Weekends, however, are devoted to his wife and two young daughters.

After mayor Feinstein's last term ends in January, Lazarus says he may stay on as deputy mayor, "depending, of course, on who the next mayor is and what I want to do."

Something he definitely plans to continue is his involvement with AU. After attending his fifteen-year reunion last year, Lazarus says his feelings about AU were reaffirmed: "I feel good about the calibre of education at AU and I believe there's a good pool of applicants out here that hasn't been fully tapped. I'm happy to help the university in any way I can." □

NOTE: Jim Lazarus is one of the volunteer leaders working to organize alumni activities in the San Francisco area. Plans include the formation of a San Francisco chapter of the alumni association. For more information or to volunteer to work on a steering committee, call Elizabeth Cressman '78 at (415) 955-6277.

AU ALUMNI

Due to popular demand, AU is again offering alumni two chances to picnic and enjoy great music at Wolf Trap Farm Park, America's only national park for the performing arts, located in Vienna, Virginia.

July 26, 8 p.m.—Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie present songs and stories of the sixties. Tickets are $15 per person for orchestra seats.

August 10, 8 p.m.—The Pat Metheny Group presents an evening of incomparable jazz. Tickets are $12 per person for loge seats.

For more information and reservations, call (202) 885-ALUM.

This fall marks the fortieth anniversary of AU's first campus radio station and the opening of AU's newly-renovated student radio station, WVAU-AM. In planning for these events, the station is trying to locate former DJs. (The station was founded as WAMC-AM in 1947, became WAMU-AM in 1952, and was renamed WVAU-AM in 1985. No complete record of former DJs exists.)

If you were a campus DJ, knew someone who was, or would just like to lend your support to the station, call (202) 885-6161.

AU alumni can audit one course per semester for only $50, plus any applicable departmental costs. The fee is nonrefundable with proceeds going to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

The regular registration schedule for fall semester is:

August 31, 12-7 p.m.
September 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
September 2-4, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

From September 5-11, a $10 late fee will be charged.

Registration is held in the Alumni Office, Sutton Center, Suite 260, 3201 New Mexico Avenue, N.W.

For more information and registration materials, call (202) 885-ALUM.

in San Antonio, Tex.

James J. Petro, CAS/BS, is retired and spent much of 1986 traveling throughout the United States. He lives in Seabrook, Md.

1950s

'50

Jacob M. Kleiman, SGPA/MA, SGPA/PhD'63, is retired and a volunteer teacher at the University of Maryland. He lives in Hyattsville, Md.

'52

Peggy Brooks Smith, CAS/BA, a commercial real estate broker for Shannon & Luchs in Washington, D.C., won the company's 1986 award for leading sales volume in the Washington commercial sales division. The Washington Association of Realtors and the Northern Virginia Board of Realtors also recognized her with 1986 sales volume awards.

'53

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'55

Jean Selby Dodds, CAS/BS, was elected moderator of the West Jersey Presbytery for 1987. She lives in Laurel Springs, N.J.

Albert Stallone, SGPA/BA, WCL/JD'58, an attorney, is a candidate for judge in the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County, Pa. He lives in Wyomissing, Pa.

'56

Lee M. Beall, CAS/BA, CAS/EdD'58, professor of music and university organist at Winston-Salem State University, has received this year's Wachovia Bank and Trust Company Excellence in Teaching Award, presented annually at that university. He has been involved in numerous post-doctoral studies, primarily focusing on music and people with handicaps.

'57

John Nordlinger, CAS/BA, is the director of athletics and physical education of the Ypsilanti, Mich., public schools.

'58

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'59

Arnold "Nick" Carter, CAS/MA, is vice president of communications research at Nightingale-Conant Corporation in Chicago. He produces audiocassette programs and writes and lectures in the field of communications.

John W. Warnock, SIS/MA, SIS/PhD'71, a lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria, Canada, is the author of *The Politics of Hunger: The Global Food System*, published by Methuen.

1960s

'61

Richard M. Carter, CAS/BA, is vice president for university relations at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

T. Frank McLister, KCBA/MBA, is a registered financial planner, a designation conferred by the Board of Governors of the International Association of Registered Financial Planners on full-time financial planners with a record of business integrity and ethical conduct. He lives in Potomac, Md.

'62

Mary Margaret Whipple, CAS/BA, was re-elected in November to her second four-year term on the Arlington County Board in Virginia. She also served on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board in 1985. She lives in Arlington.

'63

Carl Hawver, CAS/PhD, received the 1987 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Adrian College alumni association, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1934. A former newspaper editor and publications consultant, Hawver is the author of two books and numerous articles on consumer behavior, financial management and small group behavior. He is retired and lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Russell J. Leng, SIS/MA, SIS/PhD'67, professor of political science at Middlebury College in Vermont, has been named the first F. C. Dirks Professor at the college.

'64

Daryl B. Settle, SIS/BA, SIS/MA'70, an intelligence specialist for the Defense Intelligence Agency, was selected to attend the National War College in Washington, D.C. He lives in Alexandria, Va.

'65

Herman S. Frey, CAS/BA, has been elected to membership in the International Platform Association, an organization formed 155 years ago for distinguished professionals who appear before audiences in all media and who choose speakers for their organizations. He lives in Arlington, Va.

Sandra Holladay Webster, CAS/BA, has published her second book, *Power Sewing.* She writes a nationally syndicated sewing column and hosts a sewing segment on KPIX, a CBS affiliate in San Francisco.

'66

William T.K. Johnson, CAS/MS'66, CAS/PhD'70, is the radar system engineer on the NASA project Magellan, a radar imaging experiment to be launched toward Venus in 1989. He lives in La Canada, Calif.

Paul J. Scheips, CAS/PhD, is working on a history of the U.S. Army's role in civil disturbances from 1957 to 1970. He serves on the board of directors of the National Council on Public History and lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Russell O. Vail, WCL/JD, is to be listed in the Hall of Honor of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., for service to the FBI. He is currently an international lawyer in Brighton, Mich.

'67

Harold Breimyer, CAS/PhD, professor emeritus of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri—Columbia, spoke on the farm crisis at a workshop on the economic development of Butler County, Mo. Breimyer is considered one of the fore-

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Bruce A. Brough, CAS/MA, is account manager of marketing communications for the integrated circuits business unit in the Electronic Components and Materials Division of Philips International B.V. He moved to Eindhoven, The Netherlands, in April.

Laurence J. Cutler, SGPA/BA, is a charter member of the American chapter of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is also on the executive committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association Family Law Section. Cutler practices law in Morristown, N.J.

Barry Levinson, CAS/BA, wrote and directed the recently released movie, *Tin Men,* starring Danny DeVito and Richard Dreyfuss. Levinson's other directing projects include the films *Diner* and *The Natural.*

William E. Mallory, CAS/BA, is the co-editor of *Geography and Literature: A Meeting of the Disciplines,* a book-length collection of literary essays published by Syracuse University Press. He is professor of English at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Daniel F. Romero, CAS/BA, associate minister for the United Church of Christ's Southern California Conference, has been appointed general secretary for the mission program of the 1.7 million member denomination. He lives in Los Angeles.

Randal Teague, SGPA/BA, a Washington, D.C., attorney, is senior counselor for the presidential campaign of Representative Jack Kemp.

'68

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Robert D. M. Allen, WCL/JD, a colonel in the U.S. Air Force, is a staff judge advocate at Norton Air Force Base, Calif.

Jean L. Farinelli, SGPA/BA, is president and chief operating officer of Creamer Dickson Basford, a public relations firm based in New York City.

Charles E. Golden, CAS/EdD, director of the annual education conference and associate dean of Tennessee Technological University, was honored as part of American Education Week by Tennessee Tech for his thirty-eight years in education. He lives in Sparta, Tenn.

Linda A. Mercadante, CAS/BA, earned a PhD in history and theology from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1986. She lives in Hopewell, N.J.

Elizabeth Holst Tockman, SIS/BA, is the Master in Chancery for the Baltimore City Circuit Court.

'69

William R. Agee, KCBA/MBA, KCBA/PhD'84, has been named the Beneficial Associate Professor of Management and Economics, an endowed chair, at Hood College in Frederick, Md. He lives in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Sarah Evans Barker, WCL/JD, judge of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, was the May commencement speaker at

Journey of self-discovery

In 1980, at the age of twenty-nine, Marita Golden '72 began the heady task of writing her autobiography.

"I needed to meditate on what it meant to grow up in the sixties, what it meant to go to Africa for the first time, what it meant to be a modern black woman living in that milieu," she says.

The book, entitled *Migrations of the Heart: A Personal Odyssey*, was published in 1983 by Doubleday and acclaimed by critics. The *Los Angeles Times* called it "exquisitely written"; the *New Yorker* called her accounts of Africa "vivid and unembittered"; *Ms.* magazine proclaimed her story full of "irony and joy."

A Washington, D.C., native, Golden earned a B.A. in English at AU during the height of the black-consciousness movement. In the years that followed, she remained "skeptical about the 'system' that was admitting some [blacks] into its institutions for the first time."

After AU, she attended the Columbia School of Journalism in New York where she fell in love with an architecture student from Africa. She eventually returned with him to Nigeria, where they were married.

Nigeria's tribal discrimination and bad economy thwarted her husband's career, while Golden found professional success teaching at a Nigerian university, editing a women's magazine, and writing for several publications.

Despite the fact that Nigeria is "rigorously chauvinistic," Golden says she had opportunities there as an emigrant that never would have come so soon in America: "To them, I symbolized a black American who had chosen to come back to Africa. Because I gave myself over to the culture, I received a generally positive reaction."

Golden found it satisfying being in an all-black setting where she could live and work without race distinction and act as a role model for Nigerian women.

Unfortunately, her African life was sadly ironic. Free at last from racial discrimination in the workplace, she met with sexual oppression at home.

Although her own marriage was monogamous, Golden lived in a polygamous culture full of contradictions. Her mother-in-law, a Christian, was one of eight wives. The cultural and personal differences finally grew to nightmarish proportions and Golden decided to leave her marriage and Nigeria and move back to America with her young son.

Settling in Boston, Golden says her return to America was difficult: "I had to learn all over again how to deal with the trauma of racism, and it takes so much energy."

Using her experiences in America and Nigeria, Golden continued writing a novel she had begun in Africa. At the urging of a literary agent, she turned it into an autobiography. The result was *Migrations of the Heart*.

Golden moved to Washington, D.C., two years ago and became executive director of the Institute for the Preservation and Study of African-American Writing, a community-based arts organization. Her second book is a novel about the lives of three black women who meet at a predominantly white college in Boston in the late sixties. Entitled *A Woman's Place*, it was published by Doubleday last year. She is now working on a second novel and awaiting the release this fall of *Migrations of the Heart* in paperback. □

Butler University in Indianapolis, where she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

Vaughn L. Jackson, CAS/BA, is visual director at System Planning Corporation in Rosslyn, Va.

Anthony F. Rotatori, CAS/MA, has been named dean of the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn.

1970s

'70

Gary W. Boyle, SIS/BA, is judge of probate for Grafton County, N.H., and is in private practice in Littleton, N.H.

'71

Thomas W. Imhoof, CAS/BA, CAS/PhD'81, lectured on the holocaust and modern memory before the Intellectual History of Europe Group in April. The group is made up of scholars of European history in the Washington, D.C., area. Imhoof works at the Library of Congress.

Kathy Boyer Maher, CAS/BA, is research coordinator for National Geographic's *Historical Atlas of the United States*, scheduled for publication in 1988. She, her husband, **Jim Maher,** SGPA/BA'71, WCL/JD '73, and their son live in McLean, Va.

Rick Marschall, CAS/BA, has edited *The Tough Coughs as he Ploughs the Dough*, a book of Dr. Suess's original works released spring, 1987, by William Morrow and chosen as a Book-of-the-Month Club alternate selection.

James Tritten, SIS/BA, a Navy commander, was presented the Defense Superior Service Medal for service to the Secretary of Defense from 1982 to 1986. He is currently assistant professor and acting chairman of the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

'72

Mark G. Auerbach, CAS/BA, is a self-employed consultant doing public relations and marketing for the resident theater and tourism bureau in Springfield, Mass.

Margaret D. Blough, SIS/BA, is deputy chief counsel in the Office of Employment Security, Legal Division, in the

Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. She lives in Harrisburg, Pa.

Gail Christensen, CAS/MA, is the personnel training director at South Seas Plantation resort in Captiva Island, Fla.

William Kaye, WCL/JD, was nominated by Governor Robert Casey to the position of judge on the Common Pleas Court for Franklin and Fulton Counties in Pennsylvania.

Mechele Plotkin, CAS/BA, owns and manages residential and commercial real estate in Manhattan.

'73

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Thomas M. Marter, KCBA/BSBA, is the chief office systems engineer for the Boeing Company. He lives in Herndon, Va.

Jack Michel, CAS/BA, has opened his own interior design firm in Manhattan.

Michael Wager, SGPA/BA, is a partner in the New York City law firm of Pryor, Cashman, Sherman & Flynn, specializing in corporate and securities law. He lives in White Plains, N.Y.

Stephanie Wright, SIS/BA, is assistant vice president for patient care services at Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center of Chicago where she also coordinates the volunteer Rape Victim Counseling Program. Wright was named the 1986 Young Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Health Service Executives.

'74

Marla H. Bane, CAS/BA, is director of finance and administration for WABC-AM/WPLJ-FM Radio. She lives in New York City.

Photo by Kathie Koenig

Charles Kligman '49, *right,* and wife Beverly, *left,* were among nearly one hundred scholarship donors and recipients honored at a campus reception on April 23. Kligman is one of many AU alums who contribute to the Alumni Scholarship Fund which aids academically able students like scholarship recipient Eunice Mattu '89, *center.* The reception, sponsored by the offices of financial aid and university development, also recognized contributing foundations and corporations.

Ronni Nochimson, CAS/BA, is the director of economic development of Passaic County, N.J. She lives in West Paterson, N.J.

Beverly Price, CAS/BS, has formed an independent television production company, the Beverly Price Company, in Chicago. A television producer since 1974, she has won two Emmy awards.

Nelson W. Rupp, Jr., WCL/JD, is a partner in the law firm of Jordan, Coyne, Savits & Lopata in Washington, D.C.

'75

Philip S. Brown, CAS/BA, a pediatrician, has opened his own practice in Victorville, Calif.

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"Love" wins CASE award

You loved "Love American University Style" (*American,* Spring 1986) and the judges at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) agreed with you, awarding us a bronze medal in the imaginative ideas in news and development category. We would like to thank those couples who let us tell their stories, as well those who later wrote in about their AU courtships and "happily ever after" marriages. We couldn't have won this award without you!

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Gary Cohen, CAS/BA, is a commodity trader in New York City, where he is a member of the Commodity Exchange, the Financial Instrument Exchange, and the New York Futures Exchange.

David Montanye, SGPA/BA, is the program coordinator of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. He recently returned from a two week tour of Senegal, Liberia, and Ghana. He lives in Dover, N.J.

L. Matt Wilson, WCL/JD'75, has joined the law firm of Neely & Player in Atlanta. He lives in DeKalb, Ga.

'76

David S. Helsel, CAS/BA, is associate clinical director at Spring Grove Hospital Center in Baltimore.

'77

David A. Greenberg, SON/BSN, is director of medical affairs administration for Greater Southeast Community Hospital, Washington, D.C. He lives in Waldorf, Md.

David P. Sloane, CAS/BA, is director of government relations for GTE in Washington, D.C. He lives in Darnestown, Md.

'78

Alvin R. Little, SGPA/BA, is an associate with the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, specializing in tax-exempt finance issues. He lives in East Orange, N.J.

Lawrence Mekulski, KCBA/MS, is a partner in the firm of Kayne/Levin/Neilson/Bavar Realtors in Baltimore.

William Parcher, CAS/BMus, was chosen as one of five "Young Artists of 1986"

by *Musical America* magazine.

Thomas P. Wolf, SGPA/MPA, an assistant commissioner of the General Services Administration, has been named special assistant to the president of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. He is on temporary assignment from the government through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, which provides federal personnel to be temporarily assigned outside the federal government. He lives in Carroll Valley, Pa.

'79

Alexander Djabadary, CAS/MA, is an honorary officer of The Black Watch, Royal Highland Regiment, by authority of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of England. He lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Jeffrey M. Freedman, CAS/BA, was a keynote speaker at Villa Maria College. He spoke on bankruptcy law. He practices law in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mark Ludder, CAS/BA, is a systems analyst at American Management Systems in Rosslyn, Va.

1980s

'80

E. Randall Clouser, SOJ/BS, is assistant vice president of Alexander & Alexander. He has published articles in *Risk Management* magazine on strategic planning and future trends in risk management. He lives in Carol Stream, Ill.

Donald V. Feliciano, CTA/MSTM, has joined Booz, Allen & Hamilton, a technology and management consulting firm where he is an environmental consultant. He lives in Herndon, Va.

J. Kenneth Robertson, CAS/PhD, is senior vice president of H. Zinder & Associates in Washington, D.C.

'81

William F. Daniel, KCBA/MPFM, a commissioned chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army Ready Reserve, is a senior loan specialist with the Farmers' Home Administration. He lives in Woodbridge, Va.

Martin DePoy, SGPA/BA, MPA'85, is the legislative director for the National Association of Realtors in Washington, D.C.

Ronald D. Kirsh, CAS/BA, is a media account executive for KEVY-FM Radio in Las Vegas, Nev.

Ava Berman Kotch, CAS/BA, is earning a PhD in clinical psychology. She lives in N. Miami Beach.

Mark McCombs, SGPA/BS, an associate with the Chicago law firm of Jerome H. Torshen, Ltd., is a contributing author of the 1987 edition of *Illinois Civil Trial Evidence,* a professional practice handbook for lawyers.

Conni Goodwill Morse, SGPA/BA, is the manager of membership and public information for the National Institute of Building Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Nadine Pastolove, SOJ/MS, is legislative counsel to the Secretary of State of Ohio.

Patrick M. Ryan, SGPA/BA, is serving in the U.S. Navy in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He received his JD degree from the University of Honolulu law school and plans to practice in California when his tour of duty ends in 1990.

Jeane M. Notto Washington, SON/BS, received her

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MD from the Medical College of Pennsylvania in May.

'82

Kevin Drawbaugh, CAS/BA, is a business reporter with the *Indianapolis News*.

Philip J. Palin, SIS/MA, has been appointed to the National Advisory Board on International Education Programs by U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett. He currently serves as director of the Ronald W. Reagan scholarships at Eureka College but will soon move to Charlottesville, Va., to continue his graduate studies.

'83

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Brian Seraile, CAS/BA, is a Washington correspondent for the Ottaway News Service.

Donald G. Wogaman, CAS/BA, a Marine first lieutenant, completed the U.S. Army Airborne Course at the Army Infantry Training School in Fort Benning, Ga.

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Charles L. Bieber, CAS/BA, is the manager of planning and allocations for the United Way in Somerville, N.J.

Lane S. Hurewitz, SGPA/BA, received his JD degree from George Washington University Law School in May.

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Brenda Biggio, SIS/BA, SIS/MA'86, is a Texas representative for the Taste of the South, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of southern culture. She lives in Washington, D.C.

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Janet Martin '76,'79, *left*, Dr. Robert Abel '72, Nancy Suchoff '78, and about one hundred other alums attended the New York Alumni Chapter's Third Annual Reception held at "24 Fifth Avenue" in March.

Brenda W. King-Wade, CTA/MSTM, resigned from the Department of Defense after eight years of federal service and has accepted a data base analyst position with the BDM Corporation in Columbia, Md.

Diane Schwebel Freedman, WCL/JD, is an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Donna S. Birks, KCBA/MS, has been appointed treasurer of Contel American Satellite Company in Rockville, Md.

Alexandra Clough, SOC/BA, is an investigative financial reporter in Washington for *Investment Dealers' Digest*, a Wall Street magazine.

Milestones

Marriages

Marilyn Minor, CAS/BA'72, and W. Gregory Wims, January 5. They live in Washington, D.C.

Gary Cohen, CAS/BA'75, and Lisa Pevaroff. They live in New York City.

Jane Levine, CAS/BA'76, and Bryan Goodman, October 26, 1986. They live in Quincy, Mass.

Bill Permison, CAS/BA'76, CAS/MEd'80, and Jane Zabar. They live in Rockville, Md.

Mark Ludder, CAS/BA'79, and Pamela Noyes, February 28. They live in Gaithersburg, Md.

Ava Berman, CAS/BA'81, and Ira Kotch, November 1986. They live in N. Miami Beach.

Ronald Kirsh, CAS/BA'81, and Barbara Eisenberg. They live in Las Vegas.

Alison Regan, SIS/BA'81, and Raymond Mrohs, September 27, 1986. They live in Silver Spring, Md.

Gary Veloric, KCBA/BSBA'82, and Amy Hollander. They live in Philadelphia.

Veronica Sheehan, KCBA/BSBA'83, and David Verklin, August 30, 1986. They live in Seattle.

Lisa M. Altieri, KCBA/BSBA'85, and Benjamin Taub, January 17. They live in Washington, D.C.

Births

Elizabeth Holst Tockman, SIS/BA'68, a boy, David, December 26, 1986. They live in Baltimore.

Brian Wertheim, SGPA/BA'73, a girl, Robin Carol, March 27, 1986. They live in Dunwoody, Ga.

Richard Hanfling, KCBA/BSBA'77, and **Carol Volkman Hanfling,** CAS/BA'77, a boy, Lee Michael, March 2. They live in Roslyn, N.Y.

Lewis Zwick, KCBA/MBA'82, and Suzanne Zwick, a boy, Austin Lewis, April 6. They live in Gaithersburg, Md.

Deaths

Emory S. Bucke, CAS/BA'35, March 10, in Phoenix, Ariz. He had served as the chairman of the National Board of Governors of the alumni association, and AU had awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1948 and an alumni recognition award in 1970.

Caroline N. Boyd Murphy, CAS/BA'37, May 19, 1984, in Falls Church, Va.

Mary Adele Lehman Nordeck, CAS/BA'37, October 19, 1986.

Nathaniel Ohiaeri, SIS/BS'49, SIS/MA'53, May 17, 1979, in Nigeria.

Madeleine Procter Davenport, CAS/MA'64, March 26, in Biddeford, Maine.

Robert Wichser, SGPA/BA'65, in November, 1985, when his canoe capsized as he was trying to rescue his livestock in a flood in the Shenandoah Valley.

Sarafino Zungoli, KCBA/PhD'67, of cancer, December 27, 1986.

Kenneth H. Brown, CAS/BA'75, after a long illness, December 27, 1986, in Boca Raton, Fla.

Richard H. Ruddy, KCBA/MBA'76, March 26, as a result of a car accident.

Photo by Kathie Koenig

Coach Larry Nyce and some of his winning team members: *standing, from left,* Nyce, Dave Needle '90, Dave Blumenfeld '87; *kneeling, from left,* Greg Paukstis '90, Charles Hoots '90, Philippe Pouget '87. Not pictured: Greg Belzberg '90 and Dave Martella '90.

Sports

Men's tennis team takes AU's top spot for 86-87

"If someone had said last summer that this would be our best year ever and that we would be AU's most successful team this year, I would have bet a steak dinner against it," says AU's tennis coach Larry Nyce.

Nyce is lucky he didn't make that bet—or he'd be out the price of a thick juicy sirloin right now.

The team won seven of its nine spring matches, giving it a 13-3 record for the year, which was the best ever for men's tennis and the best record this year of all team sports at AU. The spring season included wins over local rivals George Washington and Georgetown.

As Nyce attests, this year's success came unexpectedly. The last few years had not been anything to brag about (last year's record was 5-12), and the team had only two players returning, both seniors.

One of the two, team captain David Blumenfeld, explains the turnaround. "This year we got some tough freshmen on the team, and they got us seniors going. They really cared, so it started to matter more to us." Six freshmen completed the eight-man roster.

While Blumenfeld had the best personal record, 26-8, the contribution freshmen made to the team is clear from the stats— Charles Hoots, 26-15; Greg

Paukstis, 27-13; David Martella, 21-6; Greg Belzberg, 23-10.

Nyce cites the team's "esprit de corps" and the fact that the players were "really tough in the clutch" as keys to the year's success.

With so much talent in this year's freshmen, the future looks bright for men's tennis at AU. And, with scholarships available for the first time, Nyce has signed two promising recruits, Adam Petricoff from Cincinnati and Miles Nelson, Indiana's No. 1-ranked player, to replace the team's graduating seniors. □

Recruiting American's athletes

There is no "off" season for AU's coaches. When they're not working to get the best out of their teams, they're out on the road looking for new talent for future seasons.

"Recruiting is the most important part of the game," says AU's men's basketball head coach Ed Tapscott WCL'80. It is also probably the hardest part.

Coaches begin by determining their team's needs and targeting a pool of potential recruits who can fill them. In addition to athletic considerations, AU's coaches search for athletes with academic ability.

"I don't go after kids that I don't think will be solid students," says Tapscott, and the 100 percent graduation rate of his team members that reach their senior year attests to his commitment to education. This commitment, though, makes his job harder by narrowing the pool of athletes he has to recruit from. Rule 5J1 (formerly Proposition 48), issued last year by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), has made the recruiting task harder still for AU coaches. It put requirements on the grade point averages and SAT scores athletes must have to receive scholarships. "Now schools that didn't care about academics before are going after the same kids we are," says Tapscott.

How do coaches locate promising athletes? For basketball, AU subscribes to scouting services which provide listings of the top high school athletes and their vital statistics. Soccer coach Pete Mehlert relies on contacts around the country who send him all-city and all-state lists. Current team members tell their coaches about people they competed with in high school.

Based on such information, coaches send out letters expressing interest to hundreds of promising athletes. Then, since "seeing is believing," coaches try to watch potential recruits in action. They go to high school games, matches, meets. They watch summer league competitions and go to camps set up expressly for recruiting purposes. Tennis coach Larry Nyce receives videotapes of some of his prospects.

When a coach is convinced that an athlete is right, the real work of recruiting begins. "I need to sell Pete Mehlert, the soccer program, the university, specific academic programs, and Washington, D.C.," says Mehlert. "If a recruit is interested in pre-law, I try to sell him on the School of Government and Public Administration. If he likes literature, I tell him about Henry Taylor, who teaches in the College of Arts and Sciences, and ask how he'd like having a class with a Pulitzer Prize winner."

Coaches try to develop a relationship with the prospective student athletes. They meet with them, their high-school coaches, and their parents and families.

Many potential recruits visit the AU campus. "We script their visit here," says Tapscott. "Every minute is accounted for." Tapscott's hopefuls meet with academic advisors and sit in on classes. They meet the team, are taken out to dinner, and may even be introduced to their congressman.

"Then we call them a couple of times a week until they make their decisions," says Tapscott.

Tapscott's recruiting successes this year include Brock Wortman, an all-state selection and *Parade* all-America nominee from Seattle, Washington. Joining Linda Ziemke's women's basketball squad are Temica Curenton, an all-state guard from West Virginia, and Anna Marjanovich from Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Mehlert has signed John Kostelis, a *Parade* all-America midfielder, as well as a recruit each from Canada, England, and Trinidad and Tobago. And Nyce will add the No. 1-ranked men's tennis player in Indiana, Miles Nelson, to an already hot team

Such successes are satisfying, but the search for promising athletes who belong in the AU picture is a never-ending challenge. "The key," Tapscott concludes, "is getting across the full potential of studying and playing for The American University." □

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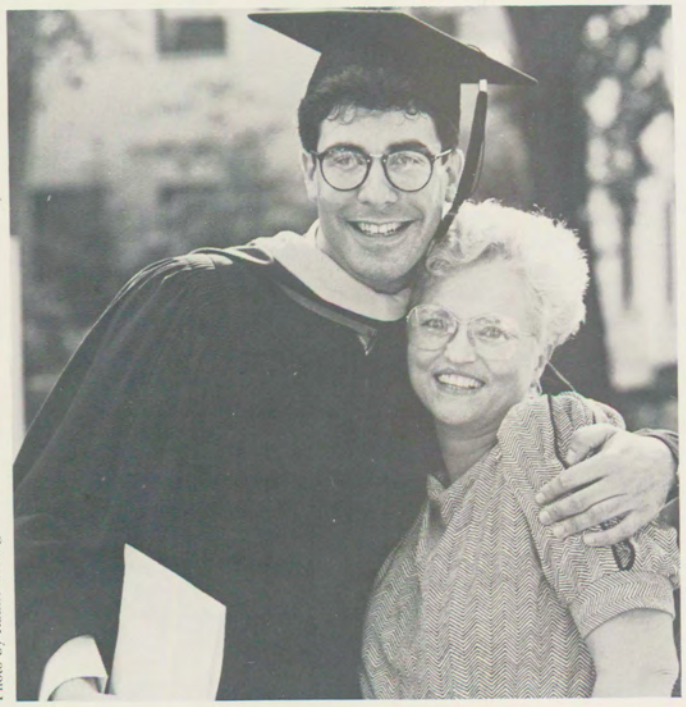

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Grand finale—Alan Fleischmann'87 and history professor Valerie French celebrate the end of a special year. Fleischmann was '86-'87 Student Confederation president and French was the year's Faculty Senate chair.