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Crossing borders

Thank you for publishing the articles "Border Crossings: Encounters with Another Culture" by Jack El-Hai [November and February issues] and "In South Africa, hope and fear fight for the future" by Frederick Hale '69 [February].

The two articles are connected in that they highlight the anxieties and hopes in a world that is becoming increasingly multicultural.

Nowhere is this more clear than in Brazil, a country I visited recently. I was told the proportion of both whites and blacks was on the decline, but the ratio of people with mixed ancestry (called "colored" in South Africa) is on the increase: about 50 percent of the young Brazilians are mulattos. In the years to come, as reconciliation takes hold in South Africa, I believe the proportion of "colored people" will increase dramatically.

I do not believe in racial purity, and I am glad there are many Macalester people who have brought another culture into their lives and into their homes. May I request that you continue the "Border Crossings" series?

Emmanuel D'Silva
WPI Fellow '75
Chevy Chase, Md.

Doorways and souls

Just in the door from an extended weekend in Prague and there is May's Macalester Today, once again full of extraordinary people — Bob Gavin, the pope. Hmm, no picture of Gary Hines? Maybe they realized that he deserves an article? Nope.

But what's this on pages 10-11 "Prague's Velvet Evolution" by Joseph Kutcher '92? Oh yeah, more "Macalester internationalism": pictures of an "exotic" student at Mac and some Macites in an exotic doorway in Prague.

But wait a minute! That doorway is something special! What an absurd coincidence that I could know what lurks in the blackness of that doorway, but lucky me, I do. There's a tiny entryway with an ingenuous staircase that can be folded flat (almost decoratively) against the wall, a godsend for your average, close-quartered European apartment (or a dormitory loft for that matter).

I think it's ironically befitting of Mac Today that all we can see of that staircase are the smiling Macites. The Czechs say, "Learn a new language and gain a soul." Quite true, but I think the soul has to come first.

David Dickerson '88
Hannover, Germany

Barrier-free living

It was a delight to read the article on "Barrier-free Living" in May's Macalester Today.

Somehow, we are not surprised that other Macalester graduates have already made more progress in this area than we have. It is the kind of thing we would expect Macalester graduates to do.

Vera Dauffenbach '72 and Wil Tabb '73
Green Bay, Wis.

Editors' note: An article in the May 12 Green Bay Press-Gazette described the writers' dream of building a " universally accessible" duplex on a lot they own in Green Bay which can accommodate young and old, whatever their level of physical mobility. They asked a local high school drafting teacher to challenge his senior students with a contest called "A Home for Everyone." Dauffenbach, a registered nurse who is on the faculty of Bellin College of Nursing, and Tabb, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, held a banquet for the winners with cash awards for the top designs.

Gay alumni

I was very encouraged to see that you had printed a letter from an openly gay alumnus in the May issue of Macalester Today. Over the years, I have been concerned that lesbian and gay alumni, for the most part, have continued to remain invisible in the Macalester landscape.

Last year, my companion, Gary Armstrong, and I joined hundreds of thousands of lesbian and gay Americans for the march on Washington. While there, I was delighted to discover that lesbian and gay alumni associations from most of the major schools from all across the country were also meeting in Washington at the time.

1994 is the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York City. Most modern-day historians credit the 1969 Stonewall riots as marking the beginning of the lesbian and gay rights movement as we know it today. What better time than this anniversary for gay and lesbian Macalester graduates to step forward and, in the proud tradition of the hundreds of lesbian and gay alumni associations from colleges and universities across the country, finally join their ranks.

Alumni who share an interest in establishing a Lesbian and Gay Alumni Association at Macalester should contact Glenn Peterson, 305 Columbus Ave., #46, New York, NY 10023; phone (212) 724-2595.

Glenn Peterson '68
New York, N.Y.

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Photographer Don Hamerman took the striking photo of Old Main at dusk one day this past May. He set up his camera on the lawn in front of Old Main, using film color-balanced for indoor use, which accentuates the blue of daylight.

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Lessons learned: Class of '94

Macalester's 415 new alumni enjoyed a great day May 21 at commencement on the lawn in front of Old Main. Mark Laskowski, a history and religious studies major from Rochester, N.Y., concluded his prize-winning senior essay with a prayer: "Please give our class the strength to leave this home and seek out a new one. Let us take the important lessons we've learned in and out of class and put them into practice. May we live with compassion and respect for those around us and for the living miracle that is this planet. May we cherish the friends we have made here. And may we continue to struggle, protest, argue and defend what we believe in, working to make a real difference and living up to the promise of living. So that when we look in the mirror, we can be proud of what we have become and we can rejoice in the home that we have built."

Above: Looking to the future are (from left) David Misik (Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic), Scott McKinney (Madison, Wis.), Robert Ontiveros (San Francisco) and Jesse Coyer (Minneapolis).

Right: Lauren Nichols (Shaker Heights, Ohio), right, and a friend embrace.

Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr., above, addresses graduates after receiving an honorary degree (see page 7 for an excerpt from his remarks). Other honorary degrees went to Arthur "Bud" Ogle '64 (see page 35) and Gisela Konopka, social worker and advocate for troubled young people.
College hires
12 new faculty

Twelve new teacher-scholars are joining Macalester this fall as the college continues to expand and diversify its faculty.

Of the 12 new hires, 10 are tenure-track faculty — the largest number of incoming tenure-track faculty in recent years:

- David Blaney, Political Science. He comes to Macalester after a year as a visiting scholar at the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University. He was an assistant professor from 1989 to 1992 at Hanover College. He has published in leading international politics journals, has written chapters for influential books on international relations and has been a major participant in professional conferences.

- Anne Braude, Religious Studies. She comes from Carleton College, where she was promoted to associate professor in 1993. Her field is religion in America. Her revised doctoral dissertation, Radical Spirits: Spirituality and Women's Rights in Nineteenth-Century America, was published by Beacon Press in 1989 to wide acclaim. She is working on a major new research project, “Indian Loving: Romantic Appropriations of Native-American Spirituality in the Nineteenth Century.”

- David Bressoud, Mathematics and Computer Science. He was a full professor at Penn State, where he spent the past 14 years. His research in analytic number theory has ranked him among international authorities in this area. His latest book, A Radical Approach to Real Analysis, is being published by the Mathematics Association of America. He is also widely recognized for his work in undergraduate mathematics education.

- Chia-Ning Chang, Japanese Language Program. He comes to Macalester from the University of California at Davis, where he has served as assistant professor of Japanese language and literature since 1987. His major areas of research are modern Japanese literary criticism, modern Japanese literature, and modern Japanese cultural and intellectual history. He is one of a few number of American Japanologists whose research and publications in both English and Japanese reflect such a multidisciplinary orientation.

- Antonio Dorca, Spanish. A native of Barcelona, Spain, he earned his Ph.D. at the University of California-Davis in 1993. His scholarly interests include Peninsula prose fiction, modern Catalan literature, Spanish intellectual history, and critical theory and narrative techniques. His research takes him to Spain frequently.

- James Heyman, Physics. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley in 1992. He was a visiting scientist at the University of Lund, Sweden, in 1992, and in that same year was a postdoctoral research associate at Quantum Institute, University of California at Santa Barbara. He has published widely in the area of experimental condensed matter and semiconductor physics.

- Satoko Suzuki, Japanese Language Program. A specialist in Japanese syntax and semantics, she has been teaching at Macalester as a visiting professor for two years. The Provost's Office cited a typical student comment: "the best teacher I have ever known — of Japanese or of anything else."

- Andy Overman, Classics. Arriving at Macalester in 1993 from the University of Rochester, he was later chosen for a tenure-track position after a national search and is now an associate professor. He has published widely in the history, religions and cultures of the Greco-Roman world, archaeology, Judaism and the role of liberal learning.

- Anthony Pinn, Religious Studies. He is completing his doctoral dissertation at Harvard. An ordained minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, he teaches in the areas of black religious history in America, black theology, and the philosophy of race and gender, and has interests in the field of contemporary Christian thought.

- Andrea Tilden, Biology. She recently completed her Ph.D. at the University of Oklahoma. Her biological specialty is physiological ecology, the study of physiological adaptations to the environment. Her current research involves the study of biological cycles in snakes and insects. She spent a year teaching secondary school in Nigeria.

In addition, two new visiting international faculty are arriving:

- Adda Benslimane comes to Macalester from the Universite Paul Valery in Montpellier, France. He has taught general economics, European and international economics, and statistical methods of econometrics.

- Jae-Heon Choi, from Seoul, Korea, earned his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1993. He will teach an international studies seminar and two geography courses as well as work on a "Korea Town" project with Professor David Lanegran.

Of the 12 new hires, seven are replacement faculty and five are among the 28 additional faculty that the college plans to hire over the next five or six years. The five are Overman, Pinn and Suzuki — all tenure-track — and the two visiting international faculty. By about the academic year 1999-2000, the number of full-time faculty will have increased to 165 — up from 137 last year — and the student-faculty ratio will have dropped from 12-to-1 to 10-to-1.

"My guess is that we're probably the only institution in the United States increasing the faculty by this percentage [20 percent]," Provost Dan Hornbach said.

Hornbach said it's important for Macalester to hire new faculty at all levels of experience. A disproportionate number of current faculty — about 40 percent — were hired in the 1960s and are now over the age of 55. In addition to faculty who earned Ph.D.s recently, "we're hiring some full professors, some people who have been tenured at other colleges, some who have had four or five years of experience as an assistant professor elsewhere," Hornbach said.

Two new faculty of color — Suzuki and Pinn — are "strategic hires," in keeping with the college's strategic plan and its commitment to diversify the ethnic and racial makeup of the faculty.

"Clearly, David Bressoud, Anne Braude and Andy Overman have national, if not international, reputations already in their disciplines," Hornbach said. Each of the others, he added, also brings particular strengths. For example, Dorca adds an international perspective because of his roots in Spain; Suzuki has demonstrated her skill as a teacher at Macalester; Blaney has previous teaching experience; and both Heyman (Williams College) and
Tilden (Alma College) spent their undergraduate years at small liberal arts colleges. “Collectively, they’re a very exciting group of people,” Hornbach said.

New trustees
The Macalester Board of Trustees elected four new members in May:
- Kofi Annan ’61, whose term will begin in December. See page 8.
- Stephen M. Clement III, headmaster of The Browning School in New York. Educated at Yale, Harvard and Union Theological Seminary, he currently serves on the seminary’s Board of Directors.
- John Charles Robinson ’71, president and CEO of Group Robinson, financial consultants in San Francisco. He has an M.B.A. from the University of Colorado and is involved in a number of professional organizations.
- Cecil Callahan ’76, a senior portfolio manager with Invesco Capital Management in Atlanta. He has served on the Alumni Association Board of Trustees, has participated in M Club and is active in a number of community organizations which deal with minority issues.

Japanese speaker
Karel Baloun ‘94 (Campbell, Calif.) won the ninth annual National Japanese Speech Contest on April 16 in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by the U.S.-Japan Culture Center, the contest is for non-native speakers. In his two speeches, Baloun compared Japanese and American ideas on freedom and stability and discussed the similarities between the two peoples on these issues.

Baloun won a round-trip ticket to Japan and $800. In March, he won a similar contest sponsored by the Japanese Consulate in Chicago and another round-trip ticket.

Baloun earned a double major in psychology and Japanese studies. He plans to pursue a Ph.D. in social psychology at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Scholarly work
Jama Hanson ’96 (Duluth, Minn.) won a Younger Scholars Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Hanson received a $2,000 grant this summer to research and write about Fanny Burney (1752-1840), an English novelist and woman of letters. Hanson, who is majoring in English and art, is writing a paper entitled, “The Dialogue of Independence and Dependence in Frances Burney’s Novels.”

The Younger Scholars Program gives students throughout the country the opportunity during the summer to conduct independent research and writing projects on topics related to the humanities.

Outstanding staff
Terry Gorman, director of security and environmental health and safety at Macalester, received this year’s Outstanding Staff Award.

The citation read by President Gavin said Gorman “is enthusiastic, energetic, responsive and willing to solve a problem day or night. . . . Whether it’s dealing with bad weather, writing a federal crime report, responding to a theft or supervising security for a major campus event, Terry does his job well and with respect for others.”

Gorman joined the Macalester staff in 1978. He and his wife, Jeri, a former residence hall director, have two daughters, Kelsey, a 1991 Macalester graduate, and Trista, a junior at Cornell College in Iowa.

Previous recipients of the Outstanding Staff Award are James Jeffers, purchasing director; Joel Clemmer, director of the library; Rosie Davis, manager of the print shop; and Darlene Kroening, science counselor at the Learning Center.

Science awards
A Macalester senior and a recent Macalester graduate both won prestigious fellowships in the sciences.

Mark Schmitz ’94 (Adams, Minn.), a geology major at Macalester, plans to work toward a Ph.D. in geology and geochemistry at MIT on a three-year National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship from the U.S. Department of Defense.

First, however, he will spend the 1994–95 academic year on a Fulbright doing research on volcanic rocks in New Zealand, based at the University of Auckland.

Kristin Wassink Duxstad ’90 won an AT&T Bell Lab Ph.D. Fellowship. She is working toward a Ph.D. in electronic materials at the University of California at Berkeley. At Macalester, she had an inter-departmental independently designed major in engineering science. She also earned a B.A. in mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota.

Both also won National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships, but decided to accept the other fellowships instead.

Campus exhales
Macalester became a virtually smoke-free campus June 1.

The new policy includes the DeWitt Wallace Library, Kagin Dining Commons, the Grille in the Student Union and all public spaces within the residence halls. Other public areas in classroom buildings had already been designated smoke-free.

The policy was adopted by the President’s Council on the recommendation of an advisory group made up of students, staff and faculty. The Physical Plant has developed outdoor cigarette receptacles for smokers that are in keeping with the campus landscape.

History of hula
“I wanted something completely different. And I’m the adventurous type,” said Lisa Castro ’94, explaining why a native of Hawaii would choose to attend college in Minnesota.

Castro drew a capacity audience to Weyerhaeuser Chapel in April for something else completely different in such a setting. She gave a performance of the traditional Hawaiian hula, assisted by professional native Hawaiian dancers and musicians, as part of her senior honors thesis.

Her paper was entitled “Once Upon a Kingdom: The Significance of the Hula in the Native Hawaiian Sovereignty Movement.” As a hula dancer, she “researched how a single traditional custom of the native Hawaiians lives so vibrantly today, even though the Hawaiian Kingdom has been overthrown for over a century.”

Her two-hour presentation showed the evolution of the hula through Hawaiian history, from a traditional society through the missionary era and Hollywood’s mock-
Lisa Castro '94 (Waianae, Hawaii) gave a public performance of the hula in Weyerhaeuser Chapel as part of her senior honors project.

Understanding

Rabbi Bernard Raskas, Trustee Donald Meisel '45 and Professor Jack Weatherford were honored in May by the National Conference, Minnesota-Dakota Region (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews) for promoting better understanding in the community.

Raskas, a distinguished visiting professor in the Religious Studies Department since 1989, and Meisel, former interim chaplain at Macalester, both received the National Conference Brotherhood Award "for outstanding leadership in promoting the cause of good will in understanding among all the people of our nation."

Weatherford, a professor of anthropology, received the organization's Mass Media Award for his writing on multicultural issues and for building better understanding of the contributions of American Indians.

Vive la Schubert

Virginia Schubert, professor of French at Macalester, was recognized by the French government for her services to French culture.

She was promoted to the rank of Officier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques at a special campus ceremony in May attended by the cultural attaché of the French Consulate in Chicago.

Officier is the second of three ranks in the order, the first being chevalier and the highest commandeur. Schubert was made chevalier in 1975. Professor Emerita Hélène Peters also holds the rank of officier and former professors Huntley Dupre and Borghild K. Sundheim were chevaliers.

WPI Class of '94

Ten international journalists arrived at Macalester in June for their four-month assignment as 1994 World Press Institute Fellows.

The 10 began their national travel July 16 in San Francisco and will return to campus Oct. 1. They are:

- Elisabetta Piqué, international editor, La Razon, Buenos Aires, Argentina;
- Gordana Knežević, editor, Oslobodjenje, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina;
- Maria Topalova, reporter, Express, Sofia, Bulgaria;
- Bonaventure Ndikumana, editor, Radio/TV Nationale, Bujumbura, Burundi;
- Du Yuejin, editor, Outlook Weekly, Beijing, China;
- Ilka Piepgras, reporter, Berliner Zeitung, Berlin, Germany;
- Arif Jamal, senior reporter, The Muslim, Islamabad, Pakistan;
- Rajiv Weerasundera, columnist, The Sunday Times, Colombo, Sri Lanka;
- Serap Mahmutli, reporter, Aktüel, Istanbul, Turkey;
- and Vivian Sequera, correspondent, the Associated Press, Caracas, Venezuela.

Founded at Macalester in 1961, WPI enables international journalists to interview and mingle with Americans from all walks of life so they can return to their homelands with a multifaceted view of life in the United States.

Basketball coach

Andy Manning, assistant coach for the past three years at Eastern Michigan University, a Division I school, is the new men's basketball coach at Macalester.

Manning, 41, graduated from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, where he was an all-conference basketball player, and earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan. Before joining the collegiate ranks, he was a teacher and high school boys' basketball coach in Michigan and Massachusetts.

Manning succeeds Doug Bolstorff, who continues as men's golf coach and physical education instructor at Macalester.
Spring sports

Senior Nelson “ShaSha” Jumbe (Harare, Zimbabwe), who graduated in May, highlighted Macalester’s spring sports season with his second national title in three years.

Jumbe won the triple jump competition at the NCAA Division III men’s track and field championships in Naperville, Ill. He won the same event in 1992 but did not participate in track last year. This season, he started slowly because of a knee injury suffered in soccer but placed third in the conference meet. His best mark in the national championships was 49 feet, 10 and a half inches, good enough to win by eight inches.

Here’s a look at Macalester’s spring sports teams:

• The Scots posted their best softball record in eight years when they won nine of the season’s final 12 games to finish at 16-16 overall (10-12 in the league). They were the most improved team in the MIAC, after going 2-18 the year before. The main reason for their progress was All-Conference pitcher Lisafe Aying (first-year, Livermore, Calif.). She finished with a 2.68 ERA, allowing only 10 walks in 149 innings.

Catcher Megan Lehrkamp (first-year, Tucson, Ariz.) led the team in hitting with a .309 average, followed by outfielder Jenny Goodfriend (sophomore, New York City) at .301. Shortstop Jenny Scanlon (junior, Fullerton, Calif.), a two-time All-American in soccer, played softball at Macalester for the first time and hit .296. At second base, Maren Anderson (sophomore, Rochester, Minn.) fielded flawlessly and was named All-MIAC Honorable Mention.

• Men’s track and field, under new coach Martin Peper, enjoyed a productive season, but a lack of depth kept the Scots in ninth place. Macalester hosted the MIAC championships and two Scots, in addition to Jumbe, were among the top competitors. Chris Link (junior, Sparks, Nev.) set a school record with a 22.15 in the 200-meter dash preliminaries and took third in the finals to go along with a fifth-place performance in the 400-meter dash. Richmond Sarpong (junior, Lobatse, Botswana) placed second in the 100-meter dash.

• The women’s track team finished eighth at the MIAC meet. Karen Kreul (junior, Stevens Point, Wis.) placed second in both the 1500- and 3000-meter runs. Three first-year performers began their collegiate careers with strong seasons, highlighted by outstanding conference meet efforts. Erin Donald (Portland, Ore.) took third in the MIAC in the javelin throw, Angie Ortiz (Portland, Ore.) was sixth in the hammer throw and Martha Sarpong (Juaso, Ghana) placed sixth in the triple jump.

• The women’s tennis team finished 7-7 after winning just one match in 1993. The Scots moved up four spots, to seventh, at the conference tournament. Julie Colby (first-year, Roseville, Minn.) played No. 1 singles and finished 8-8. Christina Jansa (first-year, Cedar Rapids, Iowa) was 8-5 at No. 2 singles. At third singles was Tomo Golden (junior, Springfield, Ill.), who finished 6-8, while Heidi Mueller (sophomore, Mosinee, Wis.) went 8-1 at fourth singles.

• The men’s tennis team also had a .500 record, closing out at 9-9 before finishing a disappointing ninth at the conference tournament. All the singles players were sophomores. Tonderai Chikuhwa (Stockholm, Sweden) went 6-8 at No. 1 singles; Sanjeeva Ananthan (Tokyo, Japan) went 10-8 at No. 2; Patrick Gutmann (Malmö, Sweden) was 10-9 at No. 3; Joe Ziegenfuss (Minneapolis) went 8-8 at No. 4 singles; and Dan Handeen (Montevideo, Minn.) finished 6-5 at fifth and sixth singles.

• The baseball team, under new coach Steve Hauser, struggled with a lack of pitching and suffered its sixth straight last-place MIAC finish. The Scots were 3-29 overall, 1-19 in the conference. Two first-year players displayed outstanding talent. Outfielder David Young (Omaha, Neb.) and first baseman Kawika Alo (Honolulu, Hawaii) both batted in the .300 range all season; Young stole 18 bases in 20 tries while Alo belted four home runs and 10 doubles. Aaron Karlin (junior, Evanston, Ill.) led the team in hitting with a .314 average.

— Andy Johnson

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Schindler and his motives; Home Alone and old hates

"The Minnesota Poll’s batting average is really very good. It has had very few serious glitches, which is remarkable for a poll that is that old and which has a high frequency."

Chuck Green, political science professor at Macalester, interviewed in March by WCCO-TV for a story on the 50th anniversary of the Minnesota Poll.

Whatever their intentions, the Home Alone films and Blank Check, their latest clone, render those not Northern European as vermin. I worry how this affects viewers, especially children.

"I first saw the pattern in the Home Alone movies while teaching 'The Lonedale Operator,' a D.W. Griffith short of 1911. Noted for the skill of its editing, 'Lonedale' was made at a time when the movie industry was cultivating more affluent audiences. The film has its heroine, played by Blanche Sweet, terrorized by two lower-class criminals. Sweet is fresh-faced, with light skin and hair. The villains perform with the swarthy and unkempt look Southern and Eastern European (and sometimes Jewish) immigrants were frequently given in images of the time. By the film’s end, Sweet’s character wins out, and the men are captured.

"Containing unconscious relics of old hates, such media products as Blank Check and Home Alone provide a flicker of confirmation for spectators whose minds still stigmatize people ethnically. Their popularity — and their ability to escape criticism — gives these images a stealth quality that makes them all the more frightening, especially when they are shown as children’s fare."

Clay Steinman, professor of communication studies at Macalester, in an April 3 article in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. He teaches film and media and cultural studies, and is co-authoring Mapping the Wasteland: Television and the Environment of Commercial Culture for Rutgers University Press.

If you reflect on [the film Schindler’s List], you find that Schindler had an enormous passion for life. He was very much of a people person. He liked to be involved with people, and he had a remarkable feeling about life, to plumb it to its very depths.

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Kofi Annan '61 has one of the world’s most agonizing jobs — trying to keep peace on Earth for the not always United Nations

BY DAVID W. KANSAS '89

The view commands little. From the 37th floor of the United Nations office tower in Manhattan, Kofi Annan’s office surveys the remains of a hospital on an island in the East River. Across the river, old warehouses, docks and rundown shipping terminals litter the shore.

But Annan’s view fails to convey the level of his responsibility. As the U.N.’s undersecretary-general for peacekeeping operations, he oversees 17 operations, with a budget of more than $3.8 billion, mandated to keep or restore peace throughout the world. They range from 20 military observers in Georgia in the former Soviet Union to 34,555 soldiers in the fractured former Yugoslavia.

Annan’s rise through the upper ranks of permanent U.N. staff has been swift. He negotiated with the Iraqis both before and after the Persian Gulf War; he has been and continues to be active in the Somalia conflict; he has also been centrally involved in the international effort to bring peace to the former Yugoslavia. On Friday, Sept. 9, at Macalester’s opening convocation of the academic year, he is scheduled to receive the third annual Board of Trustees Award for Meritorious and Distinguished Service. The award went previously to Walter Mondale ’50 and former Macalester President John Davis.

In early May, as the elections in South Africa concluded and tensions continued in Rwanda and Bosnia, Annan (pronounced ANN-an) took time to talk about his responsibilities and world view. At turns charming and serious, he spoke passionately about the U.N.’s role in the post-Cold War era. And he recounted his time at Macalester.

Annan, who graduated from Macalester in 1961 with a degree in economics, had never heard of the college while growing up in Ghana in west Africa. After studying at the University of Science and Technology in his native country for two years, he qualified for a Ford Foundation program that placed foreign nationals in U.S. colleges and universities. One of his first recollections of Macalester was of the weather.

“I had no idea how cold a winter could be,” he said. “Studying under the British system in Ghana, we had, of course, learned about the seasons and the weather, but the understanding was intellectual.”

Annan, however, remembers more than snowball fights and chilly walks to class. “For a small college, it had a tremendous understanding of internationalism. The approach to education was really quite good. They were already looking at the world from an international perspective, even before people knew how interdependent the world’s nations were. Some now refer to this as the idea of a global village. The world has now finally caught up with that reaching.”

After Macalester, Annan did postgraduate economic studies at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva and earned a master of science degree in management from MIT. Most of his career has been spent at the U.N., where he has held a variety of positions, first in Geneva, then in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, Cairo and Ismailia, Egypt, and now in New York.

As one of the highest-ranking officials in the U.N., Annan finds himself in agonizingly difficult assignments that affect the lives of millions of citizens in his global village. And the new world environment has created a new set of problems and thrown old, familiar solutions on the ash heap.

“All these conflicts have sprung up around the world — Georgia, the former Yugoslavia, and
...the thousands of people unable to return to their homes, and the neighboring nations, straining to provide for them. Doesn't that situation, and its impact on human rights, diminish each and every one of us?

"The international community has become acutely aware of massive abuses of human rights," Annan said. "We, as a human community, have sent notice to tyrants that they can't hide behind borders. We have to act to prevent and stop these abuses. And, more importantly, we have to have the means to act. Since we have no armies of our own at the U.N., we have to rely on the member states. Over the last few years, those states have made unparalleled commitments to ending the kind of abuses we witness every day. But, so far, the resources that they have made available have not been commensurate with the assignments we have been asked to carry out."

Annan cites the $3.8 billion budget he currently oversees. He admits that the money sounds like a great deal, but he notes that Desert Storm cost about $100 billion. "We are fighting a mind set in which we willingly pay huge sums for war but balk at the much smaller investment which could keep peace. I hope that we will come to a time when we decide to make the investment in peace, rather than in the defensive operations that cost so much more."

In the past year, U.N. peacekeeping operations have come under withering criticism from the international community and the media. Several stories cited the U.N.'s indecision or cumbersome decision-making process as well as poor management and poor results. Annan understands the complaints. But he says the difficulties of the current arrangement make efficiencies sometimes hard to achieve.

"Command and control is a major problem. Especially when you bring different groups together to serve in unison. These countries have different communications and command and control struc-
The two major clashes of the Somali operation resulted in the deaths of 24 Pakistani and 18 U.S. servicemen in incidents that outlined communication problems between separate military commands. The U.S. role in peacekeeping has become a crucial issue for Annan. He noted, with some concern, that the U.S. has indicated that it won't place its forces under foreign command in U.N. operations. "But it's important for the other member states that the U.S. not always stand apart. Since it is the only superpower, the U.S. certainly could head major efforts, and it makes sense that they do so. But in some smaller operations, the U.S. insistence that it must lead does ruffle some of our other commanders."

One idea that has been floated is the creation of a standing U.N. army that could react quickly to flash points of conflict, such as Rwanda. "I think it would help, though some of the smaller nations worry that a standing U.N. army would be used inappropriately or to carry out the bidding of the larger member nations. The big powers, on the other hand, are not free to provide the U.N. with this capability, lest it become too independent. And, of course, there is the perennial problem of financing."

Despite all of this, such a force would be very useful. In Rwanda, for example, two things are desperately needed — law and order being the first. If we had a quick reaction force, with the equipment to make sure that safety wouldn't be in question, we could have moved quickly there. Secondly, we could have lined up a group more quickly to address the needs of refugees flowing out of Rwanda. Right now it takes several months to coordinate the efforts of member nations. We can only deploy what they are prepared to offer. And in Rwanda's situation, doing something in three to six months could be too late for thousands of people.

"Over the last year, however, we have made substantial progress on this front. We have put together a Stand-by Forces Planning Team which has contacted all 184 member states of the U.N. and visited over 50 of them. Working with governments, the team has identified a large range of assets — from troops to hospitals to communications.

Guest of honor will be Kofi Annan '61, U.N. undersecretary-general for peacekeeping operations. The participants include:

- Sir Brian Urquhart, former U.N. undersecretary-general and now scholar in residence, International Affairs Program, Ford Foundation, New York;
- Johan Galtung, a pioneer and eminent scholar in the field of peace studies;
- Ernest Lefever, senior fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.;
- Herb Addo, senior research fellow, Institute of International Relations, University of the West Indies;
- Yoshikazu Sakamoto, senior research fellow, Peace Research Institute, International Christian University, Tokyo.

President Gavin and Ahmed Samatar, dean of international studies at Macalester, will give opening statements. Other participants include Macalester faculty members David Blaney, Emily Rosenberg, Dan Hornbach, Anne Sutherland, George McCandless, Ellis Dye and Yue-him Tam; students Rado Bradistilov '96, Erin Beutel '95, Han Quyen Tran '95 and Gretel Figueroa '95; and 1994 World Press Institute Fellows Arif Jamal, Ilka Piegras, Vivian Sequera and Serap Mahmatli.

Alumni are invited to attend. All presentations and discussion sessions are in Weyerhaeuser Chapel, on Grand Avenue just west of Snelling. For a copy of the program or additional information, call (612) 696-6332 or 696-6388.
Annan believes passionately that the U.N. has a crucial role to play in the evolving post-Cold War world. And he believes strongly that peacekeeping will carry the day. "We need to pursue aggressively negotiations for political settlements and peace. Peace can be neither coerced nor enforced. The inspiration for it must spring from the leaders and the peoples concerned."

Many people contend that we are failing in that task, especially in Bosnia. But we have done so much there. We have gotten humanitarian assistance to people; we have largely contained the conflict.

"If there is one thing that the last two years should have taught us, it is the limits of our current situation. We cannot function at 100 percent when member states are over 50 percent in arrears in their contributions. We cannot simultaneously be asked to do more and more and told that we will have less and less to do it with. We cannot be ordered to resolve the world's most violent conflicts, be given vastly insufficient materiel to do so and be reminded to take no casualties in the process. It just doesn't work that way.

"We are working hard. There are no quick solutions, and there will always be risks and casualties. But imagine what would have gone on had we not been there. I believe we are making a positive contribution."

With so many responsibilities—the massacres, the displaced persons and hungry refugees of Rwanda, the dangerous and complex situation in Bosnia—Annan says it is sometimes difficult to find time for reflection and rest. When he can, he escapes to a secluded forest on Long Island, several miles from his home on Roosevelt Island in the East River in New York. "I enjoy taking a walk in the woods," he said. "I need to find the isolation, because I can no longer leave my work at work as I used to. When I pick up the paper or turn on the television, my work is often right there in front of me.

"So I go to the forest and walk during the weekends. I'll go and walk for several hours and not see anyone. It allows me to think and reflect on everything going on."

"One time, though, during the beginning of the Somalia crisis, I went to walk in the woods with my phone. It rang, and I picked up, giving some instructions. Then I walked some more. After awhile I could hear the phone trying to ring. I looked down at the phone, and it said 'low battery.' I thought, this battery is low too," he says, pointing to his heart.

Annan and his wife, Nane Annan Cronstedt, a lawyer by training who is now an artist, have three children: Ama, 24, a 1991 London School of Economics graduate who is working for an investment bank in New York; Nina, 24, a last-year law student at the University of Stockholm in Sweden; and Kojo, 20, in his final year at the University of Keele in England.

Annan said he plans to stay in his job through the current U.N. administration, which runs through 1996. "This work keeps me very busy, and I am fully committed to it."

But he expresses some amazement at the course his life has taken. It doesn't quite match what he dreamed for himself growing up in Ghana.

"I figured that after my schooling, I would make some money in the business world, then I would—say, 45—enter politics in Ghana and help develop the country. And at 60 I would retire to become a farmer. And I would die at 80 in bed. But it's one of those things God does. Our most intricate plans don't always turn out as we expected."
A BLACK JOURNALIST ASSERTS HIS 'CITIZENSHIP'

BY JON HALVORSEN

IN EVERY WAY THAT MATTERS, MACALESTER is a black college," says Wiley A. Hall III '75. "It may be a historically white college, but it's a black college now."

Like any journalist, Hall, a nationally syndicated columnist for the Baltimore Sun, knows how to grab the reader's attention in the first paragraph. But his assertion is more than rhetorical. It is a conviction that draws upon his own experiences as an African-American student at Macalester a generation ago as well as nearly 20 years of reporting and writing for one of the nation's leading newspapers.

Hall returned to Macalester in April to meet with students of color, part of the college's continuing efforts to forge stronger ties with alumni of color. He also spoke to journalism classes in the Communication Studies Department.

"The Mac experience was so valuable to me," Hall said. It was at Macalester that he acquired his passion for jazz and discovered the works of two of his favorite writers, Graham Greene and Vladimir Nabokov. It was his work for the Mac Weekly and the black student newspaper Imani (Swahili for "faith") — as well as his junior year abroad in Ghana, where he helped establish a network of regional newspapers — that helped him land a job at the Baltimore Sun.

He also found a strong sense of community among students of color. "[We] saw ourselves as black students at a white college," Hall recalled in an interview. "That meant that although we participated in some events, we were really sort of detached from the mainstream of campus life. It meant my relationships with my professors were not as close as they could have been ...."

"When I talk to black students today — not necessarily at Macalester but at other campuses — it seems to me that they're feeling the same way. That sense of distance continues to exist. So [what I tell them] is that we have to participate to the fullest degree wherever we are in society, in our professional lives. At the same time, however, [we have to] acknowledge that the schools are not the best. But if the schools don't give us what we need, we have to make them give us what we need ...."

"It means we're participating at a different level, that we don't see ourselves as adversaries."

As a young reporter in Baltimore, Hall walked every day past a large mural in the newspaper's lobby which portrayed a Maryland scene from an earlier era. In the foreground, a white man in a top hat looked down his nose at a servile black man. Despite its offensiveness, the mural remained in the lobby for years until a black leader, outraged at a newspaper series on the African-American community, held a news conference in the lobby, pointed to the mural and declared, "This is what the Sun thinks of us."

The next day, the mural was painted over. The incident was a turning point in Hall's career at the Sun. Among other things, it made him realize that he and other African-American employees, although they had made bitter jokes about the mural, should have forced the issue long before.

"When I thought of it that way, as long as I worked for the Sun, I wanted the Sun to be something that I could be proud of, and I have an obligation to make it so. Furthermore, that's what the community expects of me, and that's probably — no, definitely — what the Sun expects of me. What that means is thinking of the Sun as every bit as much of a black newspaper as a white newspaper. When you think of it in that sense, color becomes meaningless, really."

In his talks on college campuses, Hall urges African-American students to participate in the larger community, to assert their "citizenship."

"It's easy enough to say, but it's difficult to do," he said. "At the Baltimore Sun — and I told this to [Macalester] journalism students when I met them in classes yesterday — we argue over issues of race every day. That's a constant issue in how we cover the black community .... It's a very frustrating and in many ways unpleasant process, but it has to be done. Citizenship doesn't guarantee it's going to be pleasant, either for the college or for the students. But in order for us to grow, we have to go through that."
The American Library Association recently honored two Macalester alumni, David Haynes ’77 and Marsha Richardson Qualey ’75. Each wrote one of the “Best Books for Young Adults” in 1993. Each novel is about a teen-ager who must wrestle with bigotry. We present excerpts on the next two pages.
Right by My Side

BY DAVID HAYNES '77

Right by My Side tells of a year in the life of Marshall Field Finney, an African-American teen-ager growing up in suburban St. Louis in the 1980s. The story is told by Marshall himself. This excerpt is from the opening chapter:

I'M A VERY DANGEROUS BOY. I'VE BEEN known to say almost anything.

Sam and Rose — two people who are supposed to be my parents — have washed out my so-called fresh mouth with soap more than once, but not since I turned fifteen and turned into an overgrown moose. Just maybe it was my big mouth got us into this mess. I don't think anyone knows or cares. It's been more than a year since all this started. Here we are: right back where we began. Same old Sam and Rose and Marshall. Probably forever and ever and ever.

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That February day was a bad day from the get go.

Such as:

I walk into this class. World Literature for Sophomore Redneck Pinheads, I think they called it. Miss O'Hare is having Black Studies Week in 1986 for the first time in her life, and if she flashed her nasty yellow teeth at me one more time, anyway, I'd have knocked them down her throat. We read — get this — excerpts from Tom Sawyer. Aunt Polly sends the nigra Jim to fetch Huck and Becky and Tom for victuals.

Pinheads. Each and every one.

"I thought today," says O'Hare, "that we would have a discussion about Black slang. It has made such an important contribution to our language. Let's brainstorm a list of expressions which I'll record on the board. Shall we? Who will begin?"

I'm sitting there with sixteen or seventeen of them. Pink cheeked and cheery, looking at each other out of the sides of their eyes. O'Hare, scanning for a sucker, catches my eye, hopefully. I drop out my bottom lip about four inches and look at her as if she's asked me to explain nuclear fission. I want to drool, but that would be a little too much.

Finally, she is saved by sophomore class president Connie Jo Hartberger. "I have heard a few times of them say the word crucial. As a slang word, I mean."

"Very good, Connie Jo," says O'Hare, wiping the sweat from her upper lip. She records it on the top of the list.

Connie Jo beams proudly. Her father is a vice president at General Dynamics. He bought her a Honda because she got a B+ in advanced algebra. She told me how "neat" she thought it was that there were now black kids at her school.

"Who can tell us?" Miss O'Hare pushes on. "Does anyone here know what crucial means? How is it used?"

She knows better than to call on me. I'd tell her it would be crucial if someone peeled the Youth for Reagan bumper sticker from Connie Jo's Civic and pasted it over her fat butt. That would also be "neat."

The slang lesson limps along. On the board she scrawls a list of ten or so worn out and ancient words: bad, cool, far out. O'Haire is beet-faced and stammering.

Buzz Simpkins, from whose daddy's dealership Connie Jo got her Honda, raises his hand up by his thick linebacker neck. Buzz's class election commercial featured farting and belching, and a rousing version of "We Are the World." It was a big hit. He is our sophomore class secretary/treasurer. Quick, Buzz: How many pennies in a dollar?

Miss O'Hare calls on him tentatively. "I know one," he simpers, "but I don't know that I ought to say it. Haw haw haw."

"Use your discretion," teacher encourages. Not even she will look at him.

The pinheads wait on the edge of their chairs. Miss O'Hare poses, chalk at the ready.

"Here goes nothing." Buzz clears his throat. "Your mama. Haw haw haw."

The chalk freezes on the Y, trembling. No one moves. Todd, my red-headed friend who sits behind me, swallows loudly, just as if he knows what to expect.

He does.

The dozens, huh? I stand up. "How about this. Your mammy, your pappy, your whole goddamn family and everyone you know." I get my stuff and walk. I bet they all pissed their pants, too. Everyone of them.

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So I overreacted. Put up with what I put up with and you'd have an edge on you, too.

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David Haynes '77 grew up in St. Louis. He teaches sixth grade in St. Paul's public schools. He is currently on loan as teacher in residence at the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Washington, D.C. Right by My Side, published by New Rivers
Press in 1993, is his first novel. His second, which like the first is intended primarily for adult readers, will be published next spring by Milkweed Editions. One of his short stories, "Taking Miss Kezee to the Polls," was broadcast last January on National Public Radio's "Selected Shorts" series.

**Revolutions of the Heart**

**BY MARSHA RICHARDSON QUALEY '75**

Revolutions of the Heart tells of Cory Knutson. Her 17th year is marked by her mother's sudden death, the return of her hotheaded older brother, her romance with a Native-American boy and the eruption of bigotry in her small Wisconsin town. Here is an excerpt from chapter seven:

As Cory walked down the hallway with Mac and Tony, she looked ahead and saw a white triangle of paper sticking out of her locker. While the boys debated the merits of a movie they had rented the previous weekend, she pulled the paper out and unfolded it. The words slashed:

Only whores do it with injuns

She swore softly, slapped her locker, and crumpled the paper.

"What's that?" asked Mac.

"A piece of junk." She dropped it in her bag and opened her locker. Mac fished in her bag and pulled out the paper. "Don't read it, Mac."


"How can you laugh?" Cory demanded.

"I'm not laughing. It's just so... so wrong."

"Wrong?"

"Yeah. 'Only whores do it with injuns,' Well, you're not, you don't, and 'injuns' is pathetic name-calling. This guy should have asked me what word to use. I've heard some good ones."

"I don't like being called a whore."

"When I find the guy I'll beat him up."

"Very funny, Mac." She pulled two books from her locker and slammed it shut. She started to walk away. Mac grabbed her arm.

"Cory, I think the note is awful. But I've heard crap like that my whole life, and you can't let it get to you. Then they win."

"You should be angry."

"Who the hell says I'm not?" They froze as their words slammed into each other. People passing in the hallway turned and looked at them.

Tony whistled. "You two sound like Sash and me. Must be love."

The warning bell rang and Cory and Mac resumed breathing. "See you at lunch?" she asked.

"No. I have to start an extra-credit project in English. After the last test I'm desperate."

"Which means," said Tony, "he has slipped to a B-minus."

"I'm leaving after fifth period. I'll call you from my brother's, okay?"

"If you want to."

Tony tugged on Mac's arm. "Say good-bye and let's get to lab."

Cory turned the other direction. Mac stopped her. "Please don't get mad at me because you're hating someone else. They win that way, too. Promise?"

His glasses had slipped. Cory tapped her own nose to signal, and he pushed them up.

"I promise," she said.

The next morning another white triangle was jammed into the door frame of her locker. Cory pulled it loose and unfolded it carefully, as if she expected filth to spill onto her hands.

Indians carry diseases.

Whores should be prepared.

She crumpled the paper and dropped it into her bag. She spun the lock around until it clicked and released. When she pulled open the gray door she felt something spill out and fall on her feet. People around her laughed. A mound of condom packets covered her shoes.

"Hey, I want some!" a voice called. Cory, forcing herself to crack through the anger and embarrassment, finally moved. She reached down, picked up a handful, and threw them with all the force she could muster. She did not scream.

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Marsha Richardson Qualey '75 was born and raised in Austin, Minn., and followed her brother, John Richardson '72, to Macalester. She is the author of three novels for young adults — Everybody's Daughter (1991), Revolutions of the Heart (1993) and Come in from the Cold, due in October from Houghton Mifflin. Revolutions of the Heart was cited as a "Best Book of the Year" by School Library Journal, and "Best Book for Young Adults" and "Best Book for Reluctant Readers" by the American Library Association. It also won a 1994 Minnesota Book Award in the category of Older Children's Fiction. The author lives in Cloquet, Minn., with her husband, Dave, and their four children.
Six Macalester students, all of them first-year students or sophomores at the time, surprised even themselves when they won a national competition this past March. They took first place in the National Championship of the Silver Flight Competition, sponsored by the American Mock Trial Association, in Milwaukee, Wis.

It was Macalester's first venture into mock trial competition, initiated by the Department of Communication Studies.

In college-level competition, mock trial teams are given a summary of a fictional case. This year's case dealt with a hate crime involving the burning of a religious symbol. The students researched and presented a variety of arguments dealing with First Amendment questions. The prosecution and defense presented their cases, with teams switching sides on alternate rounds. Teams were evaluated by practicing attorneys and judges for each round of competition.

The Macalester team was coached by Richard Lesicko '75, associate director of communication studies. "They did an awful lot on their own," said Lesicko, who was in Kansas City with the Macalester debate team for the National Junior Varsity Debate Tournament when the mock trial team won in Milwaukee.

The six students are:

David McGinnis '97
Hometown: Apple Valley, Minn.
Major: English
Career plans: high school English teacher, inspired by reading Jonathan Kozol's book Savage Inequalities, about the blighting effect of bad public education on poor children. "I decided that I would become a teacher and attempt to do something about that, in whatever small way I could."
Other Mac activities: small role in a play; member of speech team
On mock trial competition: "I had a lot of fun... It's a way of deconstructing some of the cultural myths that have been created about the courtroom, like 'Perry Mason' and 'L.A. Law.'... It's a combination of acting and debate, because you have to think on your feet but you also have to play a good character because you get points for that."

Rachel Taylor '96
Hometown: Fresno, Calif.
Major: political science
Career plans: possibly work in the former Soviet Union; spent a month in high school living in Dzhambul in the Soviet republic of Kazakhstan
Other Mac activities: Model U.N.; MACTION community service projects involving children; orientation for new students
How she came to Macalester: "I was looking for a small school... Mainly, the image I got of Macalester was a very close relationship with professors, which is something that's important for me. It's true — I know all my professors here very well, which helps out a lot."

Sarah Sawtelle '96
Hometown: Burke, Va.
Major: political science
Career plans: U.S. Foreign Service
Other Mac activities: Model U.N.; coxswain on a coed crew team; work-study job
On the mock trial team: "I guess, above all, I just enjoy learning, and that was what was so wonderful about the mock trials... I had to do a lot of research for my character as a constitutional law expert, and I ended up learning a lot that I might not have had a chance to learn otherwise."

Giving credit: William Everage '97 (Minneapolis) "was the key in helping us prepare for the national final tournament. He's an actor and a trained improvisational comedian. He helped to train our witnesses and our lawyers in the acting area, which is a big part of mock trial."

Other Mac activities: small role in a play; member of speech team
Coach Richard Lesiecko '75, right, and the members of the mock trial team gathered for a group photo in President Gavin's office.

Teddy Shin '97

Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii
Major: undecided; minor in music
Career plans: undecided
Other Mac activities: worked in MACTION program for underprivileged children
On mock trial competition: "There's really no bigger rush than when you're up there cross-examining a complete stranger and you don't know exactly what's going to happen. You sort of have to improvise sometimes. That's fun. A little bit scary, too."

Julie Leinhoff '97

Hometown: Greybull, Wyo.
Major: plans double major in political science and environmental studies or communication studies
Career plans: lawyer, possibly in environmental law

Other Mac activities: Model U.N.; plays in folk music group Flying Fingers
On diversity: "At Macalester, you can't get away from that, which is a good thing. In everything that you do, that's there, and that appealed to me about Macalester as a whole, and for this [mock trial] team as well. It was a pretty diverse group. But we all had a lot of similar interests, so it really worked well as a team."

Toby Heytens '97, team captain

Hometown: Superior, Wis.
Major: "leaning toward history"
Career plans: undecided
Other Mac activities: Model U.N.; tutored junior high students and took part in other projects for MACTION
Looking ahead: "[Mock trial] was a great experience. I think everybody learned a lot. Next year, I'm sure we'll start a lot earlier. We're hoping to go to the first flight [higher level of competition] next year."
Great weather, dear friends, picturesque campus. Memories are made of this.
Left: Nancy Raeburn '84 (St. Paul) was one of the writers who spoke at the authors' reunion in the DeWitt Wallace Library. Far left: Piper Peter Dysart '90 (St. Paul) leads the parade of classes on the lawn in front of Old Main, followed by Adam Benepe '95 and members of the Class of '39.

Left: Dorothy Benham McGowan '78 (Edina, Minn.), who was crowned Miss America in 1977 and went on to a musical career, sang at the Heritage Society dinner which kicked off Reunion Weekend. Above: Violet Bjornberg Tupper '44 (New Brighton, Minn.), left, and Betty Ann Carlson Kindem '44 (Hubertus, Wis.) after the 50-Year Club induction ceremony.
Left: Isatu Ndure '74 (Banjul, The Gambia) talks with Jusineta Gueregoday '74 (Minneapolis), a lecturer in Spanish at Macalester, at a reception for international alumni at Alumni House. Below: Karen Frodl 94 (Washington, D.C.), left, asks a question during a minicourse on "The Politics of Health Care." Right: Members of the Class of '69 ponder the results of their class survey, compiled by Jeff Nash, a Macalester sociology professor.

Left: Classmates Kazuko Sato Hellickson '69 (Denver, Colo.) and George Yu '69 (Annapolis, Md.) look over highlights from his photo album at their first get-together in 25 years. Below: Jane Else Smith '67 (St. Paul), who concluded her term as Alumni Association president during Reunion Weekend, welcomes George Flad '35 (St. Paul) at the induction ceremony for Macalester's 50-Year Club.

Right: Two classmates from '44, Alvin Davis (Porterville, Calif.), left, and Robert Clark (Bloomington, Minn.), share a moment.

Left: Three classmates from 1984, Jennifer Sheridan (Chicago), far left, Jenny Woosan Wrenson (St. Paul), center, and Robin Corton (St. Paul) share photos taken at the wedding of another classmate, Karin Ronnow (Livingston, Mont.), during the class party in the Grille.
Loretta Frederick '74 (Winona, Minn.), right, carries a sign that will be familiar to anyone who attended Macalester in the late 1960s and early '70s.

Left: A panel discussion on sports at Macalester brought together Renee Ledin '88 (Minneapolis), M Club President Steve Cox '76 (St. Paul) and Macalester Professor Jerry Fisher '59.

Three reunion classes presented President Gavin with generous class gifts to the college: $82,000 from the Class of '44, below right, represented by Warren Bateman (Miami, Fla.); $50,576 from the Class of '69, below left, represented by Herschel Jones (Evanston, Ill.); and $13,281 from the Class of '54, represented by John Lester (Mapleton, Minn.), left, and Donna Hoyer Weis (Appleton, Wis.), right.
Below: Priscilla Garfield Davis '73 (Utica, N.Y.) shares a laugh with Vernon Land '73 (St. Paul), center, and Russell Knighton '72 (St. Paul) at a reception for alumni of color.

Bottom right: Donn Sjolander (Edina, Minn.) leads the Class of '54.

Above: Alumni re-create Professor Mary Gwen Owen's Drama Choros with the group's humorous version of Hamlet at the Class of '69 dinner in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center theater. They include, from left, Richard Pyle (Minneapolis), James Waechter (New York City), Mary Ladwig Schmelzer (Wauwatosa, Wis.), Jane McKinley Sweet (Wayzata, Minn.), Katha Ukena Chamberlain (Le Sueur, Minn.), Gregg Larson (Arden Hills, Minn.), L. Suzanne Smith (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and Judith Rhodes (Brooklyn, N.Y.). Below: Photojournalist Flip Schulke '54 (West Palm Beach, Fla.) shared his personal stories of photographing Martin Luther King, Jr., and the civil rights movement.
Five Who Are Making a Difference:

Earl W. McGee
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Earl McGee '54

A man of patience and perseverance, Earl McGee has helped the community of Rochester, Minn., learn to appreciate and grow in cultural diversity. After 13 years as a special-education teacher in his native St. Paul, he was hired by IBM in Rochester to improve opportunities for African-Americans and other people of color at one of the nation's largest corporations. Known fondly as the "godfather" of Rochester's black community, he has built bridges between people of all races with his warmth and insight. He has been an advocate for the poor and the handicapped, has worked with refugees and served as a foster father to many youths. The editor of the Rochester Post-Bulletin calls him "one of the top three or four citizens of Rochester in terms of community leadership and willingness to sacrifice his own personal interests to advance the interests of the community."

Gloria Hnida Halverson '69

A nationally recognized infertility specialist, a committed Christian, a devoted parent — Gloria Halverson of Brookfield, Wis., is all of these and more. She and her husband, Paul Halverson '69, a rheumatologist at the Medical College of Wisconsin, were married soon after graduating from Macalester and enrolled in medical school together. One of the first two married women ever admitted to the school, Gloria later pioneered in another field as the first female resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the Milwaukee County Medical Complex. Now in private practice and also on the clinical faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin, she makes use of the latest medical advances to help infertile couples. She and Paul share a deep religious faith as well as the joys and responsibilities of parenting for their two children, Megan and Timothy. "We have 'dual,' not 'dueling' careers," says Gloria. Named a "Woman of Distinction" by the YWCA in Waukesha, she has served on many committees and task forces within her profession. She speaks regularly to both physicians and lay audiences concerning women's health issues. She also serves on the board of directors of several Christian organizations, such as World Relief, and often addresses Christian women's groups.

Sally Abrahams Hill '51

"My ministry has been about crossing boundaries," says the Rev. Sally Hill. The first woman ordained in the Twin Cities Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, the former parish pastor has served since 1981 as director of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Church Commission, which oversees the cooperative work of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Minnesota councils of churches. In that role, she has organized ecumenical study trips to the Soviet Union, Central America and the Caribbean; organized and hosted two visits by Soviet church representatives to the Twin Cities; and helped create the Peace Child Project, a multifaceted peace education endeavor which brought Russian and American children together for plays, festivals and dialogues in the 1980s. Last November, she fulfilled another dream by coordinating the "Re-Imagining" conference, which brought women from 27 countries and 49 states to Minneapolis for a global women's theological colloquium. "It's very easy to belong to the church on the corner and not think beyond that," says Hill, who is a founding member of the interfaith dialogue group Feminists of Faith. "But it's important to have dialogue across faiths; to discover..."
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Sally Hill '51

what divides you and binds you." A professional weaver in her spare time, she and her husband, Curtis S. Hill '50, have two children, Bonnie Hill '79 and Steven Hill '75.

Robert Desimone '74

Bob Desimone is one of the world's leading researchers on brain mechanisms of memory and attention, a field with profound implications for the understanding and treatment of mental illness. Since 1980, he has done his pioneering research at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md., where he is now chief of the Section on Behavioral Neurophysiology in the Laboratory of Neuropsychology. His work is giving scientists a unique account of the workings of the brain in both its normal and impaired states, which is critical if effective treatments are to be devised for psychiatric and neurological disorders. He has received the Troland Prize of the National Academy of Sciences, given each year to the most outstanding young psychologist, and the Flemming Award (named after former Macalester President Arthur Flemming) of the Downtown Jaycees for Scientific Achievement and Service. This year, the U.S. Public Health Service honored him for his prodigious research and his outstanding service to his institute and the biomedical community. Desimone, who has a Ph.D. in psychology and neuropsychology from Princeton, is a frequent contributor to scientific publications and serves on the board of reviewing editors of Science, the world's premier scientific journal.

Karla J. Ekdahl '69

Karla Ekdahl has led a richly varied professional life. Currently director of corporate sponsorship for American Public Radio, she was a founder and, from 1971 to 1973, the first director of the Family Tree community clinic near Macalester. It continues to be a first-rate health care provider for students and low-income people today. But many people in the Twin Cities know Ekdahl best as an exemplary volunteer. From 1982 to 1993, she was an advocate for the Illusion Theater, which has won national recognition for its work on such major social issues as racism, violence and sexual abuse. As president of its board, she helped raise more than a million dollars for the non-profit theater. A former board member of KTCA public television, she is vice president of the Minnesota Film Board, which has brought many feature-length film productions to the state, and is a founding board member of WATCH, which monitors Minneapolis courtroom activities in cases of violence against women and children. She is also a long-time volunteer in the Minneapolis public schools, where her two daughters are enrolled, and is now working on an innovative project to fund after-school activities for kids. All her volunteer work is "an absolute labor of love," she says. "When you can lose yourself in something and just do it out of a passion, I think you're always successful."
Three Views of National Health Care Reform

Macalester hosted a minicollage on "Health, Healing and Humanism" during Reunion Weekend.

One of the five public discussions during the minicollage focused on "The Politics of Health Care." Here are brief excerpts from comments by the three participants in that discussion.

U.S. Rep. Rod Grams, R-Minn.:

"The Republicans do not have an interest in having any health care reform fail.... The basic debate is, do we want to get the government more involved in health care? Or do we want to leave it more in the private sector?

"The Republicans have an alternative on the table that should be looked at. There is a bill called Rowland-Bilirakis [proposed by a Democrat from Georgia and a Republican from Florida], so we have a bipartisan bill. What they're saying is that if we cannot agree on [other proposals], let's agree and work on some of the things we know are problems: insurance reform, anti-trust laws, medical co-payment — things that can improve the system.... Where can we make improvements without throwing out the best health care system in the world?"

Lois Quam '83 of St. Paul, health care adviser to President Clinton and chair of the commission that recommended a universal health insurance plan for Minnesota:

"I think the president's been very courageous to put out a health care plan that provides universal coverage and to put all his weight behind it...."

"I work in the private sector, and there are a lot of things the private sector doesn't want to do and cannot do. The private sector cannot achieve universal coverage. The underlying problems of how health care is financed, delivered and purchased cannot be solved by single companies. The framework of our health care system has to be changed so that everybody's in, so we invest more in prevention, have better financing and [do not preclude] pre-existing conditions.

"Within that [reformed system], there will be plenty for government and for private companies to do to make the health care system work better. But the fundamental changes we need cannot be made without congressional action. No company on its own can go out and make universal coverage happen. So I think we need this kind of leadership from the president and, what I hope to see, from Congress to make it real."

Sen. Paul Wellstone

Sen. Paul Wellstone, DFL-Minn., has introduced a "single-payer" health care bill in the Senate. It would be financed by the federal government, run by the states, and paid for by payroll and other taxes:

"What people want to know is, 'Will I be covered? Will my loved ones be covered? Will it be good coverage? Will I have a choice of doctor? Will I be able to afford it?' The single-payer plan does the best by every single independent study... when it comes to how can you contain costs and at the same time make sure everyone's covered with good coverage...."

"The Congressional Budget Office [says] it is by far the most effective plan at controlling costs. Because we eliminate costs where they should be eliminated, which is in the administrative bloat. We don't have the insurance industry essentially defining the rules of the game...."

"The claim that 'The government will run everything' is not true in the single-payer plan. It's private sector. The government does the insurance part. With single payer, people choose what doctor, clinic or hospital they want to go to, and everybody competes on the basis of quality of care."
New officers lead the alumni board

Peter Fenn '70 of Washington, D.C., is the new president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He succeeds Jane Else Smith '67 of St. Paul.

The two other new officers elected at the reunion in June are: vice president, David Senness '70, Golden Valley, Minn., and secretary, Karmen Nelson '77, St. Louis Park, Minn.

New members of the alumni board are:

- Virginia McElfish Damberg '53, Eveleth, Minn.;
- Caryn Davis Hanson '71, Aurora, Colo.;
- Jeffrey Nichols '83, New York;
- Patricia Gould Smith '79, Denver;
- Carlynn White Trout '82, Medford, Mass.;

- Molly McGinnis '87, Chicago;
- and Kimberly Gehman-White '86, Los Angeles

Calendar of events

Here are some of the events scheduled for alumni, parents, family and friends. More events are being added all the time.

For more information on any of the following, call the Alumni Office, (612) 696-6295, except where noted. You may also call the campus events line, (612) 696-6900:

Aug. 27: M Club preseason picnic, noon, Stadium

Sept. 9: Opening convocation at 3 p.m. with special award to Kofi Annan '61 (see page 8)

Sept. 16 - 18: Alumni Leadership Conference at Macalester

Oct. 1: Alumni event in San Diego hosted by David Stepp '73

Oct. 6 - 8: Macalester International Roundtable (see page 10)

Oct. 14 - 16: Parents Weekend and M Club Hall of Fame (Oct. 14)

Oct. 20: Twin Cities Leading Edge event at Weisman Art Museum, with Professor Donald Celender and Wayne Potter '54; hosted by Jennifer Lundblad '88

Oct. 22: Great Scots event in Weyerhaeuser Hall with Professor Jack Weatherford, author of Savages and Civilization

Macalester Galleries, Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center: Call 696-6690 about exhibits

Dinosaurs and dinner

The Science Museum of Minnesota in downtown St. Paul was the site of a Twin Cities alumni event June 23. Alumni were joined by parents, students and friends for a buffet supper, special program and viewing of "The Dinosaurs of Jurassic Park," a collection from the Steven Spielberg film as well as real dinosaur artifacts from the Jurassic period. Above, from left: Asa Tomash '95, Lisa Cowley '95, Cindy Ryberg '96 and Karen Woodard '94. Left: Wendy Holmes Nelson '81, who is on the Science Museum staff, and Ken Andrews '72 (center), Macalester's athletic director, talk with Jim McConkey, husband of Karen McConkey, Macalester's alumni director. Other alumni hosts who are on the Science Museum staff include Jane Eastwood '73, Arabella Quinn '87, Katrina Klaphake '91, Christine Lich '86 and Nina Childs Johnson '90.
Computers and capitalism; space missions; catastrophe in Somalia

Steve Jobs and the NeXT Big Thing
by Randall E. Stross '76 (Athenæum, 1993. 374 pages, $24 cloth)

This is an account of how well-known entrepreneur Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Computer, started his own computer company after falling out with his colleagues at Apple. Stross tells the story as a cautionary tale. Jobs’ attempts to build a profitable rival to Apple “led him from one strategy to another, from blunder to blunder, disaster to disaster,” Stross writes. “What makes his NeXT story especially intriguing, however, is the gullibility of many others who lent money, career and prestige to Steve Jobs’ quest.”

Stross is professor of international business at San Jose State University and a research fellow at the Center for East Asian Studies at Stanford. One of his earlier books, Bulls in the China Shop and Other Sino-American Business Encounters, was named one of the 10 best books on business of 1991 by Business Week. It was published in paperback in 1993 by University of Hawaii Press. The book shows how Chinese and American business representatives confront larger intellectual questions about their respective self-identities in the course of negotiating, selling, buying and arguing.

Orbital Mechanics
by Bruce A. Conway ’73 and John E. Prussing (Oxford University Press, 1993. 208 pages, $35)

One of the major challenges of space mission design is the orbital mechanics — determining how to get a spacecraft to its destination using a limited amount of propellant.

Conway and his colleague, both professors of aeronautical and astronautical engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, have written a classroom-tested textbook on the subject.

The Somali Challenge: From Catastrophe to Renewal?

Samatar, a native of Somalia, is dean of international studies at Macalester. A multifaceted inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the implosion and consequent breakdown of the state and society in the east African nation, this book attempts to make sense out of what Somalis now describe as burbur, or catastrophe.

The book is one result of a conference on Somalia held in Geneva in 1992. It focuses on four questions: What is the morphology of the Somali crisis? How did it occur? What options, if any, exist or can be created to reverse the situation? And what lessons can be learned from the Somali experience?

Randall Stross '76

Out of Work

This first book by Mulcahy, a Minnesota writer, consists of 16 short stories and the novella Glass. His “province is the end-of-century erosion of shared reason and the resultant crises — public, private — such an absence promotes,” the dust jacket says. “In the horror-scape of Mulcahy’s nineties, desolation has the upper hand; hopelessness and ruin are in charge of all outward and inward events. . . .”

Debating Affirmative Action: Race, Gender, Ethnicity and the Politics of Inclusion
edited by Nicolaus Mills (Delta, 1994. 320 pages, $10.95 paperback)

This anthology begins with an overview and history of the debate on affirmative action. The essays represent a broad range of voices, from Clarence Thomas to Anna Quinindl, Cornel West and Ellen Goodman. Julie Hessler ’85 of St. Paul contributed the essay “Beneath the Glass Ceiling,” Hessler, who has an M.F.A. in poetry from Sarah Lawrence, has written for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, City Pages and Iowa Woman.

American Foreign Relations Reconsidered, 1890 – 1993
edited by Gordon Martel (Roulledge, 1994. 267 pages)

This new textbook brings together 12 of the leading scholars of U.S. foreign relations. Each provides a concise summary of an important period or theme in U.S. diplomatic and strategic affairs since the Spanish-American War. Emily Rosenberg, professor of history at Macalester, wrote the chapter on economic interest in foreign policy.

Methods of Execution
by Fredrick D. Huebner ’78 (Simon & Schuster, 1994. 284 pages, $22 cloth)

This is the fifth novel by Huebner to feature the character Matthew Riordan, a tough, cynical lawyer whom one critic called “part Perry Mason, part Colombo.” Set in Seattle, this thriller finds Riordan burned out until an old girlfriend asks for his help in appealing the death sentence of a convicted serial killer. Investigating, Riordan is drawn into an underworld of prostitution, blackmail and murder.

Huebner is a Seattle attorney.

The World of Roman Costume
edited by Judith Lynn Sebesta and Larissa Bonfante (University of Wisconsin Press, 1994. 320 pages, $47.50 hardcover)

This book grew out of a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers held in Rome in 1988. Each participant sought to break new ground in the study of ancient monuments by investigating what costume could tell scholars about the ancient world. Ann M. Stout, a lecturer in Macalester’s Art Department, contributed one of the 12 essays, “Jewelry as a Symbol of Status in the Roman Empire.”
Alicia Phillips '92: She's connecting the dots of the community

by Jack El-Hai

While still in high school, Alicia Phillips '92 took the initiative to develop her own learning experience.

The Boston native came to Macalester from an alternative public high school, "School Within a School," at Brookline (Mass.) High School. She credits the experience with giving her an opportunity to learn with 100 other peers who took responsibility for their own education.

She chose Macalester for college because, she says, its openness allows students to be creative about defining how they want to learn and grow in an academic institution.

Phillips, who majored in political science and history at Macalester, has made good use of her skills in team-building and collaboration. Last January, backed by $114,000 that she convinced a group of foundations, corporations and individuals to donate, she launched Next Innovations. The Minneapolis organization assists young urban leaders in making connections with others who can help improve the community.

"It's easy to learn strategic planning, but to move something forward in the community you need to have relationships," she says. "You have to be able to communicate with and have access to people."

For its inaugural project, the organization assembled seven teams of three people each: an apprentice with leadership potential who works for a non-profit agency serving the community, a mentor at that agency and a corporate coach. Members of these teams pooled their talents on such projects as raising attendance of low-income people at the Walker Art Center and developing athletic programs for young people within the American Indian community.

"We're trying to connect the dots in this city," Phillips says. "People can be very territorially confined. We're trying to create an environment where people expect to communicate with each other and assist each other to reach their own visions."

These teams create a rich mix of participants. To work with the apprentices, a group with disparate backgrounds, interests and personalities, Phillips — who was one of the main trainers and facilitators for Next Innovations — must "encourage flexibility, be open, encourage people to get closer to one another and set up a context for discussion," she says. "I tell them, 'There's no difference between you and [Minneapolis Mayor] Sharon Sayles Belton ['73]. She may have a larger sphere of influence than a..."

Alicia Phillips '92 is executive director of Next Innovations, a Minneapolis non-profit organization that supports young people in becoming community leaders.

you have, but you can influence or inspire your community, family and workplace just as much.'"

To recruit the coaches, who come from such firms as General Mills and Pillsbury, Phillips says she had to be "crafty, because I got companies to pull their staff out of work to pay attention to young community activists."

If the team gels, all three members build a foundation for future work together. "Eventually, I hope there will be several hundred people who have participated in these community partnerships," Phillips explains. "I think this is an effective mechanism that can make for a shared culture, make people able to communicate and prepare people to see this city as their own — not someone else's to defer to for decisions."

Phillips' own relationships from Macalester sparked Next Innovations and keep it going. While a student, she participated in six internships at local community organizations and government offices. She also taught a full-credit class, "Non-profit Leadership and Management," during January term. She singles out Professor Chuck Green as a key mentor and ally to build Next Innovations. She received advice from trustees and President Gavin, and assistance from many alumni, both locally and nationally. Judy Morrison '94, who was an intern with the project last semester, will continue with the organization as a staff member, and Josh Williams '96 sits on Next's board.

Looking ahead, "I see myself doing a ton of different things, all focused on developing the communities we want," Phillips says. She believes her youth is in her favor. "I have a picture of how I would like the world to be. I look forward to doing this with the people around me."

AUGUST 1994
"Yugoslavia was such a wonderful place to live"
The war in their fractured homeland brings three students together

by Lara Granich '97

Far away from the ethnic wars tearing apart the country they left, but still consider home, three Macalester students from the former Yugoslavia are trying to cope with the violence that has drastically changed their country.

They are friends, despite ethnic differences that could make them enemies at home. But they are not forgetting their friends and families struggling to survive the violence and economic deprivation of war.

The Treaty of Versailles which ended World War I also created Yugoslavia. Its provinces contained many different national identities, including Croatians, Muslims and Serbians, as well as the ethnic conflicts that had existed among these groups for centuries. The Communist government which ruled Yugoslavia from 1945 until the early 1990s suppressed

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— Sanja Stevanovic '94

those tensions in order to create a unified state. Under Communist rule, many Yugoslavians grew up without knowledge of the ethnic rivalries buried in their country’s history. After the Communist government fell, old tensions resurfaced, and as separate republics struggled for independence, the violence began.

Sanja Stevanovic '94, Djordje Gluhovic '96 and Jasna Janjic '96 left Yugoslavia to attend school in the U.S. All grew up in the final years of Communist rule, in a culture which taught them they were “Yugoslav.” They do not understand how ethnic conflicts have destroyed the country they loved and call their home.

Stevanovic is from the Voivodina, which has always been an autonomous republic within the Yugoslav state. It is far from the worst violence, but not far enough to escape all the effects of war and sanctions. Stevanovic came to the U.S. for high school and stayed to study electrical engineering through a joint program at Macalester and the University of Minnesota. She is Serbian “and proud of it.”

"Here [in the U.S.] people think I should be ashamed because the media are so biased against Serbians,” she said. “But for me, being Serbian never meant hating Croatians or Muslims.”

Stevanovic is from the Voivodina, which has always been an autonomous republic within the Yugoslav state. It is far from the worst violence, but not far enough to escape all the effects of war and sanctions. Stevanovic’s mother used to drive to work, but now must ride a bike or take the bus. Because there is no gasoline, the buses only run three times a day, and those are often not the times her mother is going to work. Fortunately, she can still communicate with her family easily by phone.

Djordje Gluhovic is not so lucky. His family lives in Sarajevo, which has been
The role of Macalester's observatory in the discovery of binary asteroids was a significant contribution to solar system exploration that gave our college a small, but unique, niche in scientific history. It was also, for many non-science students, the only hands-on experience they had with research using real scientific equipment. The planetarium's simulation of the night sky let countless students view humanity's place in the universe in a visceral way that print on paper, or even television, cannot hope to match. The classes of Sherman Schultz were an important part of what made education at Macalester stand out from the usual liberal arts college.

This treatment of these parts of our Macalester heritage brings to mind C.P. Snow's essay on "Two Cultures" (verbal versus quantitative, essentially), and the tendency of people rooted in one to misunderstand or demean the other. Once, an understanding of some mathematics, astronomy and the natural sciences was the mark of an educated person. Nowadays, some who claim to be educated seem almost proud of their ignorance in these basic areas.

But, as we become more and more concerned with the effect of our civilization on this planet and the effects of the extra-terrestrial environment (the sun, space resources, rogue asteroids) on long-term questions of human destiny, one can't help feeling that some knowledge of natural science in general and astronomy in particular will become more and more important for future leaders in political and social science. (Here, I'd like to note what Rabbi Matthew Friedman '80 had to say about science in his tribute to Dr. Jim Small in your November issue.)

Recognizing that a liberal arts college has a somewhat different mission in life than a university or a technological institute, one might still hope that Macalester could do more to fight de-emphasis of the basic natural science education. Loss of the planetarium and downsizing the observatory would seem to be steps in the wrong direction. Maintaining these facilities and hiring someone with the appropriate background to run them would be a step in the right direction.

Gerald David Nordley '69
Sunnyvale, Calif.

Editors' note: The planned renovation of Olin Hall and Rice Hall will mean the removal of the planetarium and the relocation of the observatory. The observatory will allow both for the teaching of astronomy and for student projects.

Lead Belly here in '48

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 16, 1948, Huddie "Lead Belly" Ledbetter, renowned folk singer and 12-string guitarist, performed at Macalester's weekly convocation.

A student and faculty luncheon in Wallace Hall, and a live WBOM interview with Lead Belly, followed his concert. The Lead Belly Letter, published by the Lead Belly Society, would like to hear from readers who have recollections and perhaps photographs of Lead Belly. Please contact the Lead Belly Letter, P.O. Box 6679, Ithaca, NY 14851; phone (607) 273-6615; fax (607) 844-4810

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In Belgrade, I never asked my friends, "Are you a Croat? Are you a Serb?" I didn't even know what those words were.'

— Jasnja Janjic '96

"I would do anything to take back all this trouble," he said. "Yugoslavia was such a wonderful place to live."

Gluhovic's friend, Jasna Janjic, is from Belgrade. Janjic also hesitates when asked about her ethnic background.

"That was never an issue," she said. "In Belgrade, I never asked my friends, 'Are you a Croat? Are you a Serb?' I didn't even know what those words were."

Janjic's mother is half-Croatian, and Jasna grew up in both Bosnia and Croatia. She was able to visit her home in Belgrade last Christmas. "Because of the [United Nations] embargo, everything is destroyed economically. It's such a struggle every day to just survive. Pretty much everyone is trying to get out of there."

Janjic said her relationships with her friends from the former Yugoslavia have not been affected. "We can talk about politics, but eventually you get to the point where you're just sick of it. You can't do anything about it. We can easily just not discuss it in the course of a night."

"Ethnicity makes absolutely no difference, with us," Gluhovic said. "There are no politicians around forcing us to take sides, so there are no problems with us."

"All my friends, all my parents' friends, we never thought about nationality," Janjic said. "I don't know how this war is still going on. I don't know a soul who wants it."

Lara Granich '97 is from St. Louis. She is majoring in international studies.
They voted for the new South Africa

Six Macalester students from South Africa posed for this photo in the St. Paul Pioneer Press in April after returning from the South African consulate in Chicago, where they cast absentee ballots in their country's elections. They are (from left) Sibu Msomi '97, Mphosma Leseka '97, Tessa Vriend '97, Lunga Bengu '94, Rogene Hoosen '96 and Sisonke Msimang '96. "It [voting] is a great moment, but so many have died for the new South Africa," Msomi said. "It will take great patience for our country to succeed, and we'll need help from the international community."