

were important reminders of the chapters in life that all of us go through.”

Commenting on the transition, University President Neil L. Rudenstine wrote, “Few Deans in Harvard history have served so well for such an extended period of time, and very few indeed have accomplished as much in their last

term as in their first.” Calling him a “citizen of the University,” Rudenstine also said of McArthur and his wife, Natty, “We thank them, but there is no way that we can thank them adequately.”

A search for McArthur’s successor began immediately. Along with the continuing search for a new dean at the

Kennedy School (to succeed U. Provoost Albert Carnesale), RU has an unusual opportunity to simultaneously Harvard’s approach to education for two sectors of society—business and government—no longer for their easy coexistence.

Confederate Deans Has Their Time

All of the possible arguments about whether Harvard should erect some sort of memorial to the 600 who died fighting for the Confederacy during the Civil War have been made since. The possible validity of the proposition will now be tested by a committee of the Harvard Alumni Association comprised of past and present presidents of that organization. Reverend Peter Gomes, Plum Professor of Christian morals and member of the Memorial Church.

The committee invites comments about a plan advanced by G. memorialize the Confederate dead with tablets in Memorial Church. The tablets would be like those at the University of Virginia that list the names of alumni who died in World War I, including four ennobled; in World War II, with one casualty; and in the Korean and Vietnam wars.) Opinions about the proposed memorial should be sent in care of Reardon, executive director of the Wadsworth House, Cambridge.

Many graduates express a desire to construct a memorial not to a war or ideology, but to individuals who were sons of Harvard and who lost their lives in the horror of war,” says R. Shapiro ’72, J.D. ’78, who chairs the committee. “Nearly one third of all graduates of Harvard who died in World War fought on the Confederate side. The Harvard experience reflects the noble experience of the country in facing that conflict. A memorial, if constructed, if at all, only in a spirit of respect and reconciliation, and not a glorified recognition of young lives lost.”

The question of whether to memorialize the Confederate dead has been debated since the end of World War. Most proposals in favor of the memorial have placed them in or proximate to Memorial Hall. That building



“First Swallow of Summer” Makes Belated Appearance

This portrait of historian Helen Maud Cam (1885-1968) is the first likeness of a woman to share wall space with Lowell, Eliot, Morison, and their ilk in University Hall’s Faculty Room. In 1948 Cam became the first woman to be tenured in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Welcoming her portrait at the February 14 faculty meeting, FAS dean Jeremy Knowles recalled Cam’s own words on learning of her appointment: “I am . . . I hope, the first swallow of summer, and I hope that there are dozens of other swallows coming along quite soon.” The commanding portrait, by New York City artist Jacob Collins, is based on a 1940s photograph of the professor. Removed for restoration was a portrait of the late English professor Bliss Perry. Professor-poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow gazes down at the new arrival from on high.