

The service involved an affecting episode in which a detail of Harvard ROTC members conveyed a laurel wreath from the altar to the Memorial Room, where they laid it on the fallen soldier in the sculpture *The Sacrifice*.

War and Peace at Memorial Church

"EDUCATIONAL BENEFACTORS make a vital contribution to world peace," said Eric Anderson, provost of Eton College, England, who delivered the sermon in Memorial Church on November 10. He spoke on the Sunday nearest Veterans Day, at a service of commemoration of benefactors and of the war dead—an annual event—and began by referring to Harvard poet Alan Seeger '10, who wrote "I Have a Rendezvous with Death." Seeger had his rendezvous on July 4, 1916, at Belleau-en-Santerre; he is memorialized in the church with others who kept their own rendezvous in war.

The service fell this year on the seventieth anniversary of the dedication of Memorial Church, built to honor Harvardians who died in World War I and subsequently a shrine to many more. "The First World War was one of those rare historical moments when a fundamental human attitude changes," said Anderson. "In 1914 it was still possible to talk with pride, pomp, and circumstance of glorious war. By 1919, the Western world knew war for what it is....The war to end wars turned out to be just another bloody episode in the long-running saga of the struggle between human heroism and human wickedness."

"Let me explain," preacher Anderson continued about benefactors and peace. "I daren't say that at any academic institution, not even Harvard, academic people are all invariably nice to each other. How-

ever, they do not as a rule go to war with each other. If they stab each other in the back, it is only metaphorical. In our time, the fax machine and e-mail have made the academy a genuinely worldwide community. A physicist in Iraq probably has

THE CHURCH AS FORUM

MEMORIAL CHURCH was on several occasions in the fall term the site of strong talk about the conflicts of the time. On October 2 former *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis '48, Nf '57, said at Morning Prayers that if the purpose of the September 11 terrorists was to destroy our faith in American values, they have succeeded, for "in the last year this country has retreated significantly from two of its core values: protection of civil liberties and commitment to the rule of law." In a sermon on October 6, Gomes said that "bombing Iraq into oblivion as payback to those who have done us injury, at this moment seems to me to be the wrong thing to do." He declared, "As a citizen I demand a better excuse than revenge, or oil, for the prosecution of a war that is likely to do more harm than good, that will destabilize not only the region but the world for years to come, and that, worst of all, will confirm for all the world to see our country's reputation as an irrational and undisciplined bully who acts not because it ought, but because it can." The full text of the sermon, "Patriotism Is Not Enough," may be found at www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu.

more in common with a physicist in the same field at Berkeley or Harvard than he has with members of his own government. It is those who do not communicate with each other who are likely to fight each other. By contrast, the commonwealth of learning, to which Harvard belongs in so forceful a way, is a powerful force for understanding across the boundaries which divide the world and a powerful force, therefore, for peace."

Anderson urged the congregation to be steadfast. "There are no isolationists in the war between good and evil, which still rages around the world. The dead, including the gallant young Harvard men who died in successive wars, freely giving up their lives and fondest hopes, have no hands but our hands now, no energy but our energy, no money but our money, and it is on us they rely to heed the admonition emblazoned on the walls of the Memorial Room to spend our lives making a better world for others. We must not break faith with those who died."

At the conclusion of the service, the congregation exited through the Memorial Room to the side of the church facing Widener Library; many lingered there under a gentle rain of golden elm leaves. Then a bagpiper led a ragtag march to a festivity—lunch in a tent in front of the Science Center. Peter J. Gomes, Plummer professor of Christian morals and Pusey minister in the Memorial Church, welcomed the more than 500 invited guests, supporters of a just-completed \$8-million capital campaign for the church.

The spiritual, intellectual, and musical place of the church in the University has

Crimson on the Hill

The Republicans may have swept Capitol Hill in the November elections, but the Democrats remain firmly in control of Harvard's contingent of alumni representatives and senators: 27 (plus one Independent) to 14. Overall, Harvard alumni (defined for this exercise as graduates of or matriculants in a degree program) raised their stake on the Hill from 40 members in the 107th Congress to 42 members in the 108th.

In one of the more bizarre Crimson-tinted congressional races of recent years,



Nancy L. Johnson



James H. Maloney

Nancy L. Johnson '57 (R-Conn.) and James H. Maloney '70 (D-Conn.) found themselves facing each other in Connecticut's new Fifth District after that state lost a representative in the redistricting following the 2000 census. The battle for the Fifth quickly became the toughest race in the state—and one of the five most expensive in the entire country—as the two campaigned in unfamiliar territory and engaged in extensive negative advertising. In the end, Johnson beat Maloney 54 percent to 43 percent.

Two alumni did not run for reelection: Representative J. Stephen Horn, M.P.A. '55 (R-Calif.), and Senator Robert G. Torricelli, M.P.A. '81 (D.-N.J.), who stepped down in mid campaign. Representative John E. Sununu, M.B.A. '91, Re-

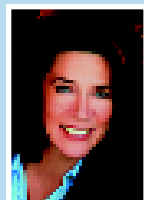
publican of New Hampshire, won promotion to the Senate, where he was joined by legislative-branch newcomer Elizabeth Dole, M.A. '60, J.D. '65, Republican of North Carolina. Four alumni joined the House, including Katherine Harris, M.P.A. '97, Republican of Florida. The new lineup follows (asterisks mark newcomers).

SENATE REPUBLICANS: Michael D. Crapo, J.D. '77 (Id.); *Elizabeth Dole, M.A. '60, J.D. '65 (N.C.); William H. Frist, M.D. '78 (Tenn.); Ted Stevens, LL.B. '50 (Alaska); *John E. Sununu, M.B.A. '91 (N.H.).

SENATE DEMOCRATS: Jeff Bingaman '65 (N.M.); Russ Feingold, J.D. '79 (Wisc.); Bob Graham, LL.B. '62 (Fla.); Edward M. Kennedy '54 (Mass.); Herbert H. Kohl, M.B.A. '58 (Wisc.); Carl Levin, LL.B. '59 (Mich.); John F. (Jack) Reed, M.P.P. '73, J.D. '82 (R.I.); John D. Rockefeller IV '58 (W.V.); Paul S. Sarbanes, J.D. '60 (Md.); Charles E. Schumer '71, J.D. '74 (N.Y.).

SENATE INDEPENDENTS: James M. Jeffords, LL.B. '62 (Vt.).

HOUSE REPUBLICANS: Douglas K. Bereuter, M.C.P. '66, M.P.A. '73 (Neb.); C. Christopher Cox, M.B.A. '75, J.D. '77 (Calif.); *Katherine Harris, M.P.A. '97 (Fla.); Amory Houghton Jr. '50, M.B.A. '52 (N.Y.); Nancy L. Johnson '57 (Conn.);



Katherine Harris

Thomas E. Petri '62, LL.B. '65 (Wisc.); Robert R. Simmons, G '73, M.P.A. '79 (Conn.); Patrick J. Toomey, J.D. '84 (Penn.); David Vitter '83 (La.).



James H. Cooper



Artur Davis

HOUSE DEMOCRATS: Thomas H. Allen, J.D. '74 (Maine); *James H. Cooper, J.D. '80 (Tenn.); *Artur Davis '90, J.D. '93 (Ala.); Chet Edwards, M.B.A. '81 (Tex.); Barney Frank '61, G '62-'68, J.D. '77 (Mass.); Jane Harman, J.D. '69 (Calif.); William J. Jefferson, J.D. '72 (La.); Ron Kind '85 (Wisc.); James R. Langevin, M.P.A. '94 (R.I.); Sander M. Levin, LL.B. '57 (Mich.); *Stephen F. Lynch, M.P.A. '99 (Mass., first elected 2001); James D. Matheson '82 (Utah); Adam B. Schiff, J.D. '85 (Calif.); Robert C. Scott '69 (Va.); Bradley J. Sherman, J.D. '79 (Calif.); *Christopher Van Hollen Jr., M.P.P. '85 (Md.); David Wu, M '81 (Ore.).



Stephen F. Lynch

The roster above omits legislators who have taught at the University or participated in Harvard programs, but have not enrolled for a degree—such as former Kennedy School professor and Republican presidential candidate Lamar Alexander, who won a Senate seat from Tennessee.

never been more robust, said John deC. Blondel Jr. '78, a partner at Goldman, Sachs and chairman of the campaign, in remarks after lunch. Jeremy R. Knowles, former dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, spoke, from the faculty, as did Sarah M. Mercer '04, from the congregation.

President Lawrence H. Summers began his remarks by saying that he had been taught the importance of the church in the University community by the service

held on its steps in Tercentenary Theatre to mark the anniversary of September 11, 2001, a service attended by thousands (See "Hushed Voices," November-December 2002, page 51). He concluded with a message of hope: "There was one word that Peter used that I would dare to take issue with. In speaking about the founding of the church in 1932 and what followed, he said that it was 'inevitable' that there would be a Second World War, a Korean War, a Vietnam War. I am opti-

mistic enough to believe that that's not true. I am optimistic enough to believe that if we understand the moral failures of the past, we grieve over their tragic consequences, we seek to learn their lessons, we can shape the future with our understanding, with our compassion, with our wisdom, with our strength, with our commitment to what is right, a future in which there will be less call for memorial churches, memorial monuments, memorial statues."