

eration Organization chairman saying unhappily that he felt as though forced to do a 'strip tease.'

Other classmates' government service took more lighthearted forms. The army assigned William P. Perry, a composer and conductor fresh out of Harvard, to a Berlin garrison where he organized games, events, talent shows, and even co-wrote (with William Wheeling '50) a Broadway-style musical called *Xanadu*, about Marco Polo and Kublai Khan. It became a hit that toured Europe for five years. Most significant, he writes, was his role as a VIP tour guide for Berlin, a city he came to love, and where he now lives part of each year, still composing and performing music.

Reading through the entries, it is clear that nearly everyone was deeply affected by national service. Palladino, who found maturity in wartime, is now a grandfather with newfound respect for the pain his parents felt when he enlisted: "[N]ow, in the Iraq blunder, I physically grieve for the young men and women who are giving so much for a worthless and unnecessary war, especially with the maturity I gained in Korea that taught me to ask the hard questions based on history, religion, and, above all, knowledge of the issues." For Nenneman, who died last year soon after the book was published, the experience spawned a "lifelong fascination with Europe" and a desire to see (preferably non-military) national service required of every American.

And for Walcott, who witnessed terrible carnage on Pork Chop Hill, the Korean War is possibly "the noblest" post-World War II conflict, despite his observation

## Harvard Medalists

**Three people** received the Harvard Medal for outstanding service, and were publicly honored by President Drew Faust during the Harvard Alumni Association's annual meeting on the afternoon of Commencement day.

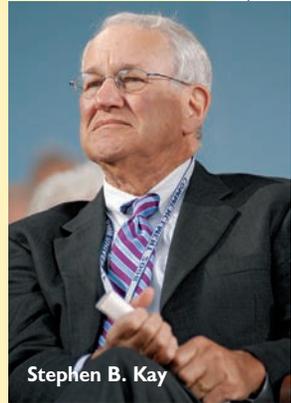
**Susan L. Graham '64**—*Past president of the Overseers and elected director of the Harvard Alumni Association, pioneering professor of computer science at Berkeley, you have provided wise leadership and counsel on alumni affairs, on the growing role of engineering and technology, on the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, and on the governance of the University.*

**Richard M. Hunt, Ph.D. '60**—*Consummate celebrant of convocations and the happy observance of Commencement, you welcomed the world to Harvard as University Marshal, educated students in European history, and presided over these festival rites with love and loyalty and reverence for tradition now woven into the fabric of the institution.*

**Stephen B. Kay '56, M.B.A.**—*Dedicated Overseer and distinguished graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Business School, you have made a rare and lasting impact on the University through your valued judgment, generosity, and wide-ranging and selfless service on behalf of education, public health, and Harvard's teaching hospitals.*

that "A million served and thousands were killed or wounded between June 1951 and July 1953, and nobody noticed." Last year, his great-niece and her middle-school classmates celebrated Veterans Day by writing thank-you letters to those who had served. He received three calling him a "hero" who had sacrificed to "keep our country safe." "Sometimes," concludes Walcott, "I even believe it."

~NELL PORTER BROWN



Richard M. Hunt

Stephen B. Kay

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## And the Winners Are....

THE NAMES of the newly elected members of the Board of Overseers and directors of the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) were announced at the association's annual meeting on the afternoon of Commencement day. The 29,350 alum-

## Centennial Medalists

**The Graduate School** of Arts and Sciences Centennial Medal, first awarded in 1989 on the occasion of the school's hundredth anniversary, honors alumni who have made contributions to society that emerged from their graduate study at Harvard. This year's honorands are, from left: "singular scholar" of East Asian studies Ezra Vogel, Ph.D. '58, Ford Research Professor of the social sciences at Harvard; "arts advocate" Earl Powell III, Ph.D. '74, director of the National Gallery of Art; molecular biologist Susan Lindquist, Ph.D. '77, of MIT and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research (see page 10); and "stellar astronomer" Frank Shu, Ph.D. '68, now at UC, San Diego. (For the full citations, see [harvardmag.com/go/centennial\\_medalists](http://harvardmag.com/go/centennial_medalists).)



ni ballots returned reflect a turnout of 12.6 percent.

Elected as Overseers, for six-year terms, were:

**Lynn Chang '75**, Newton, Massachusetts. Concert violinist; violin professor.

**Anne Fadiman '74**, Whately, Massachusetts. Author; Francis writer-in-residence, Yale.

**Paul Finnegan '75**, M.B.A. '82, Chicago. Co-CEO, Madison Dearborn Partners, Inc.

**Eve Higginbotham, M.D. '79**, Atlanta. Dean and senior vice president for academic affairs, Morehouse School of Medicine; surgery professor.

**David Oxtoby '72**, Claremont, California. President and professor of chemistry, Pomona College.

Elected as HAA directors, for three-year terms, were:

**Carolyn Hughes '54**, Oceanside, New York. Retired; former project manager, Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**Kevin Jennings '85**, New York City. Founder and executive director, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN).

**Robert Kraft '76**, Los Angeles. President, Fox Music.

**Elizabeth Reilly '91**, Boston. Attorney, WilmerHale.

**Rosa Wu '03**, San Francisco. Associate product manager, Google.

**Andrea Zopp '78**, J.D. '81, Chicago. Senior vice president and chief human resources officer, Exelon Corporation.

## Cambridge Scholars

FOUR SENIORS have won Harvard Cambridge scholarships to study at Cambridge University during the 2008-2009 academic year. Math concentrator **Gerardo Con Diaz**, of San José, Costa Rica, and Pforzheimer House, will be the Lieutenant Charles H. Fiske III Scholar at Trinity College; history concentrator **Milo "Mishy" Harman**, of Jerusalem and Pforzheimer House, was named the Governor William Shirley Scholar at Pembroke College; Romance languages and literature concentrator **Erika Helgen**, of Burnsville, Minnesota, and Cabot House, becomes

## The Senior Celebrants

Two 99-year-olds—**Frances Pass Addelson '30**, of Brookline, Massachusetts, and **George Barner '29**, Ed '32, L '33, of Kennebunk, Maine—the oldest graduates present on Commencement day, were saluted during the afternoon ceremony by HAA president Jonathan L.S. Byrnes. He noted also that 106-year-old **Albert H. Gordon '23**, M.B.A. '25, LL.D. '77, of New York City, had hoped to come celebrate his eighty-fifth reunion, but was unable to attend.



According to University records, the oldest alumni, apart from Gordon, include: **Walter J. Seward, J.D. '24**, III, of West Orange, New Jersey; **Marion Coppelman Epstein '24**, 105, of Boston; **M. Louise Macnair '25**, 105, of Cambridge; **Halford J. Pope '25**, M.B.A. '27, 104, of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; **Edward Gipstein '27**, 103, of New London, Connecticut; **Marjorie B. Walden '26**, 102, of Needham, Massachusetts; **Rose Depoyan '26**, Ed.M. '38, 101, of Brockton, Massachusetts, and **Edith M. Van Saun '29**, 101, of Sykesville, Maryland.



the Lionel de Jersey Harvard Scholar at Emmanuel College; and English and American literature and language concentrator **Laura Kolbe**, of Orefield, Pennsylvania, and Pforzheimer House, will be the John Eliot Scholar at Jesus College.

## Class Gifts

WHY IS IT, University Treasurer James F. Rothenberg '68, M.B.A. '70, asked his Tercentenary Theatre audience on Thursday afternoon, that he regularly hears a "low

chuckle" after beginning his report "on the present state of the University's resources" at the annual HAA meeting? Then he proceeded to business.

Harvard had received 88,000 gifts through the end of May from 30,000 alumni, he noted, thanks in good measure to efforts by the 4,000 volunteers laboring for the Harvard College Fund. The combined gifts from all of this year's reunion classes, he announced, totaled \$162 million. In particular, he praised both the brand-new alumni of the class of 2008, for their 63 percent gift-participation rate, and the most senior reunioners—from the classes of 1938 and 1943—who set new participation records for seventieth and sixty-fifth reunions, respectively. He also singled out the generous gifts of \$26 million from the fiftieth reunion class of 1958 and \$28 million from the twenty-fifth reunion class of 1983. But when it came to his fellow fortieth-reunioners, Rothenberg could not resist issuing a challenge to all future reunioners. The class of '68, he proudly reported, had raised a total of \$42 million from 900 donors—the second-largest gift from a reunion class in Harvard history.

## Save the Date

"From the Closet to a Place at the Table: Celebrating 25 Years of the Harvard Gay & Lesbian Caucus" is the first-ever all-school, all-class reunion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) alumni, faculty and staff members, and current students. The event, cosponsored by the HAA, takes place in Cambridge on September 26-28. Symposia, meals, and parties are planned. For more information, visit <http://hgic.org>.