

*Director's Letter continued*

The pinnacle of the day was the Peter J. Gomes Humanitarian Lecture delivered by the Secretary-General at Harvard's Memorial Church before an audience of approximately 1,000 students, faculty, and guests. The Secretary-General was welcomed to Harvard by University President *Emeritus* Derek Bok. Sandra Naddaff, Dean of the Harvard Summer School, delivered a faculty tribute. Jiwon Kim, president of the Harvard Korean Students Association, and Kirin Gupta, intern at the Harvard Foundation, delivered student tributes. Following my introduction, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon delivered an excellent lecture that received a resounding ovation from the audience.

Following the lecture, the Secretary-General and his wife were welcomed to Massachusetts Hall by University President Drew Gilpin Faust. Ban and Faust discussed a variety of subjects, including the United Nations' commission of the American Civil War History/Slavery project. Faust expressed an interest in working with the United Nations on this project, and the Secretary-General welcomed her involvement. The program concluded with an elegant dinner for the Secretary-General and 100 students and faculty in the Winthrop House dining hall. The dinner was hosted by Winthrop House Masters Ron Sullivan and Stephanie Robinson. William F. Lee, senior member of the Harvard Corporation, served as the official host for the dinner. Rakesh Khurana, dean of Harvard College, addressed the audience about the significance of the Harvard Foundation humanitarian program and its relation to the mission of Harvard College.

Mr. Lee gave an eloquent introduction of the Secretary-General, who delivered a second lecture on the importance of student involvement in international peace and relief initiatives. The entire program was excellent, and the Rev. Professor Gomes would have been proud of this special tribute to his memory. By all accounts, the program was successful and an important milestone for the Harvard Foundation and Harvard College.

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