That planned growth would support continued education in SEAS’s degree programs (applied mathematics, computer science, and the engineering sciences subfields: biomedical engineering, electrical engineering, engineering physics, environmental sciences, and mechanical and materials sciences), as well as further work in related areas of public policy. Among the areas identified for focused research are surface chemistry, quantum computation, biologically inspired engineering, nanotechnology, and energy and environmental technologies.

Those aspirations will be given tangible form by the completion and occupancy of FAS’s towering Laboratory for Integrated Science and Engineering, linking the historical SEAS campus complex centered in Pierce Hall and its associated buildings with the McKay Laboratory. Those attending the September 20 events will be able to tour the result before or after the welcome and dedication speeches by Narayanamurti and Faust, on the Pierce lawn at 2:00.

Other public addresses will be made by Charles M. Vest, MIT president emeritus and now president of the National Academy of Engineering (and a newly minted recipient of the National Medal of Science in technology); Harvey V. Fineberg, former Harvard provost and now president of the Institute of Medicine; Susan Graham, Chen distinguished professor of electrical engineering and computer science at Berkeley and past president of the Board of Overseers; and Thomas E. Everhart, president emeritus of California Institute of Technology, who was also an Overseer. An afternoon panel will be moderated by FAS dean Michael D. Smith, who is McKay professor of computer science and electrical engineering in SEAS. For a detailed schedule on their presentations and the panel discussions on engineering education, engineering research, and engineering in the wider world, visit www.seas.harvard.edu/highlights-celebrations.html.

Yesterday’s News

From the pages of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin and Harvard Magazine

1912. Larz Anderson ’88 proposes to build a new bridge across the Charles River to replace the inadequate wooden structure connecting Cambridge and Brighton. Meanwhile, Mass. Ave. is being paved with wooden blocks from Quincy Square to Harvard Square to reduce the noise of traffic.

1927. Play-by-play accounts of all Harvard football games will be transmitted by the Westinghouse station of New England (WBZ-WBZA), thanks to a special line running from the press stands on the field to the transmitter in Boston.

1937. The University announces that it will begin providing pensions and group life insurance for regular members of its nonteaching staff, as it does already for its teaching staff.

1942. The first class of U.S. Army chaplains—“Sky Pilots”—to be housed at Harvard graduates. The program aims to turn out 450 chaplains a month.

1957. Harvard Student Agencies is founded “to assist financially needy students... by...helping to organize student-conducted business enterprises....”

The admissions committee’s newsletter notes the continuing decline in the proportion of public-school boys entering the College: they will make up exactly 50 percent of the incoming freshman class.

1962. As Harvard’s football and soccer teams go down to defeat across the Charles, members of GUTS, the College’s Gargoyle Undergraduate Tiddlywinks Society, squidge and squop their way to a 23-12 victory over Holy Cross to win first place in NUTS, the National Undergraduate Tiddlywinks Society. (The victors later appear on I’ve Got a Secret and stump the panel.)

1972. As an economy measure, the University is considering leasing space in Holyoke Center to professional firms.

1987. “Ambitious plans are afoot to wire the University for the information age.” The Corporation has been asked to authorize a new Harvard network that will introduce, among other things, “state-of-the-art telephone service.”