pears exceptionally pertinent preparation for her new role. The conversion of Radcliffe College into an institute for advanced study led, understandably, to many concerns among alumni—particularly those from classes predating the Harvard-Radcliffe “non-merger merger” in 1971—about the status of their alma mater and the role of education for women. Those concerns were largely allayed by intensive personal contact, revamped communications, and, recently, the combination of Radcliffe alumnae activities with those of the Harvard Alumni Association, which will now report to Rogers. The institute enjoyed significant fundraising success during Faust’s decanal tenure, as previously reported (see “A Scholar in the House,” July-August, page 24). Endowed funding was secured for dozens of the new institute’s fellowships and for several new programs, and for extensive facilities renovations and enhancements. Those initiatives, in which Rogers was deeply involved, drew upon renewed support from Radcliffe alumnae and the advice of a Dean’s Council whose members include several leading supporters of the University (among them Nancy Pforzheimer Aronson ’56, Rita E. Hauser, L ’58, Diana Nelson ’84—a former chair of the Harvard College Fund—and Leah Zell Wanger ’71, Ph.D. ’79).

In the release announcing the appointment, Faust said, “Tamara is a Harvard veteran in the best sense of the term. She cares passionately about the University and has deep and broad connections with our alumni. She is a strategic thinker and a highly creative fundraiser who played an important role in Harvard’s last capital campaign. Tamara embraces the new and constantly evolving activities of the University, while taking care to honor our best traditions and commitment to the highest quality in all that we do.”

Rogers said, “I have had the privilege of working with Drew for the past seven years, and I am enormously excited about what she brings to the leadership of the University. It has also been deeply rewarding to work closely with many of Harvard’s extraordinarily energetic and generous alumni and friends, and it is with great pleasure that I will continue to do so.

“Harvard has huge ambitions—to keep its doors open to students from a wide range of backgrounds; to provide them, once here, with an educational experience commensurate with their talents; to attract and support the most outstanding scholars and teachers in every field; and to bring the best thinking and research to bear on problems both fundamental and pressing in the larger world,” Rogers added. “I treasure my wonderful experience at the Radcliffe Institute, and I look forward to returning to the University Development Office and working with a truly outstanding team of colleagues across Harvard in our shared commitment to the University’s mission.”

In concluding her review of giving in the 2005-2006 Radcliffe Institute annual report, Rogers wrote: “Year of Wonders, the title of a 2001 novel by [Radcliffe fellow and Pulitzer Prize winner] Geraldine Brooks, reminds me of the way we experience each year at the Radcliffe Institute, as our fellows analyze and reflect, discover and create. We are profoundly grateful to the many friends who make these wonders possible.”

Now she will engage with the University’s larger universe of friends in pursuit of even more ambitious wonders.

### Anniversary Announcements

**No one knows** when John Harvard was born, but a record book from Southwark Cathedral in London announces his baptism there on November 29, 1607. This fall, celebrations in Old and New England are marking this four-hundredth anniversary.

In the land of his birth, the University’s original benefactor will be recognized twice at the cathedral (where a memorial window in his honor, presented in 1905, is installed in the Lady Chapel). On Sunday, November 25, a New World visitor—the Reverend Peter J. Gomes, the Plummer professor of Christian morals and Pusey minister in the Memorial Church—is scheduled to preach to the congregation, and on November 29, the morning prayer service will be dedicated to Harvard.

In the place where he came to serve his congregation, and died, the anniversary is being marked with equal solemnity, and some hoopla as well. A rousing “400th Birthday Party” was organized for October 20, following the Harvard-Princeton football game, with President Drew Faust and the Harvard Band leading guests to a bash—complete with hats, cake, and dancing—at the Murr Center’s indoor tennis courts. On November 1, a special exhibition featuring documents, artwork, and rare Harvard memorabilia opens at the University Archives in Pusey Library; “Heralds of Light”: John Harvard and The Memorial Church, 1607-1932-2007 commemorates both John Harvard the minister and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the dedication, on November 11, 1932, of Memorial Church (see www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu for details). The church itself will host, on Sunday, November 4, the unveiling of a tablet recognizing the anniversary of Harvard’s baptism—a joint gift from the Dean and Chapter of Southwark Cathedral and from the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel College, John Harvard’s own alma mater at Cambridge University. Both the master of Emmanuel and the dean of the cathedral will attend to present the tablet; the dean will also preach at the service.

Coverage of other activities honoring Harvard’s philanthropic and educational legacy, planned for the remainder of the academic year, will appear in a future issue.

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