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Now Playing: the New Raphael Hall

On May 18 a gala evening of song, dance, and theater officially inaugurated Anatolia's new Performing Arts Center in a thoroughly renovated Raphael Hall. A capacity crowd, including many members of the Board of Trustees, filled the 245-seat center.

In his welcoming remarks President Richard Jackson noted that Anatolia had long needed a theater designed with performance in mind – unlike the current Pappas Hall, built by the occupying Germans more than sixty years ago as a truck repair facility and later adapted for use as Anatolia's main stage. He credited Anatolia trustees Stavros Constantinides '47 and Angelos Billis '47, as well as Board Chairman George Bissell, for seeing the project through. He also thanked the U.S. Agency for International Development for its generous support. Constantinides, Chair of Anatolia's Facilities Committee, introduced architect Petros Makrides '63, for whom

the renovation marked the 19th project he has designed for his alma mater. Makrides spoke of the technical challenges his team had faced in ren-

ovating the existing Raphael Hall and explained how the new space had been designed for flexibility in stage and seating configurations, acoustic

integrity, and intimacy with the audience. Then it was time for the show to begin, with two Anatolia juniors serving as

emcees. They observed that extracurricular activities are part of the Anatolia experience from one's earliest years in school even into adult life. The curtain

opened to prove the point, as the 43-member Anatolia Alumni Association Chorale performed two songs. Then the Greek Theater Club presented a rib-



ald scene from Aristophanes' *Assembly Women*, in which the playwright's power to entertain and instruct came

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Michael Dukakis Occupies Dukakis Chair at ACT



From April 14-28 Michael Dukakis, three-term Governor of Massachusetts and Democratic candidate for President in 1988, came to the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) to occupy the Chair that was named in his honor in 1999, the Michael S. Dukakis Chair in Public Policy

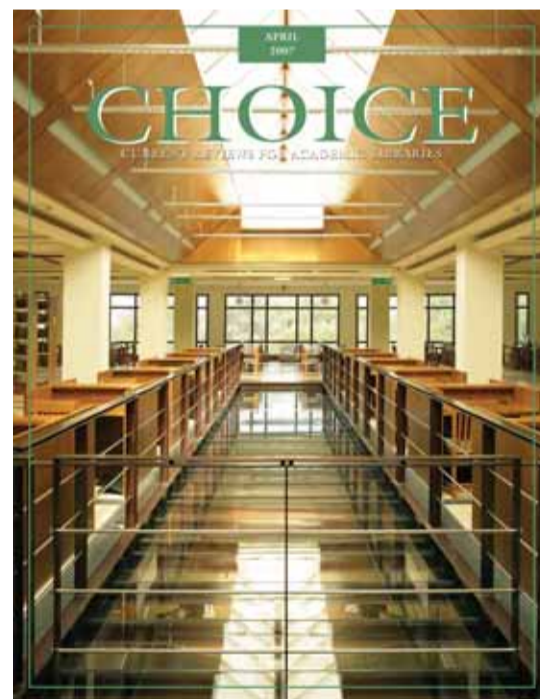
and Service. He had previously come to campus at the inauguration of the Chair, but this visit saw him settling in for the better part of two weeks – if "settling in" can be understood to mean a continuous series of contacts with students, faculty, local dig-

nitaries, the public, and the press. A highly energetic 74, Governor Dukakis, accompanied by his wife Kitty, also made excursions to Larissa, his mother's hometown, and Athens, immediately following his stay on campus.

For the past eight years the Dukakis Chair has brought diplomats, professors, writers, and others engaged in public service to Anatolia. It was not surprising that a Chair inspired by Michael Dukakis' own career in public service should have fitted him so well.

"My mission in life these days," he told a group of ACT students, "whether it's here, in the U.S., or any other place, is to encourage young people to go into public service." Speaking in English seasoned with a little Greek, he delivered that message to students at ACT, meeting with them in classes, seminars, talks, and at a videoconference with their peers at Boston College; he spoke to each of Anatolia's two junior and senior high schools and to the students in the International Baccalaureate Program; and he brought his message to students at Anatolia Elementary as well. With the skills of a teacher as well as a politician (he now divides his time as Professor of Political Science between Northeastern University and UCLA), he responded

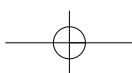
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The Bissell Library at the American College of Thessaloniki was recently featured on the cover of CHOICE, a magazine for librarians that reviews the latest books in many fields and that reaches almost every college and university library in the United States. No libraries in Greece and only a handful outside the U.S. have ever been featured on the magazine's cover. The three-level, 4,500-square meter Bissell Library is one of the largest and most technologically sophisticated private libraries in southeastern Europe.

Stop press

The American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) and the ALBA Graduate Business School have announced a joint Master of Science (MSc) in Business Management. Athens-based ALBA, established in 1992, is a highly regarded non-state, non-profit, research-driven educational organization which maintains close links with industry. ACT is the university division of Anatolia.



Alumni of the Year

There was a surprise at the dinner organized on May 19 by the Anatolia Alumni Association for the Board of Trustees and other guests on the occasion of the publication, at the initiative and expense of the Association, of Alice Riggs' "A History of Anatolia 1933-1955." The beautifully printed and illustrated book was drawn from a historical memoir which had lain in typescript in the Eleftheriades Library since its completion fifty years ago by the wife of Anatolia's third President. Dr. Deborah Kazazis, former Academic Dean at ACT, was the editor of the 300-page volume and introduced the book to the guests assembled at Thessaloniki's Electra Palace Hotel, paying tribute to the devoted service of Alice Riggs to the school, not least through her labors as a writer after her husband's retirement.

But the surprise came when Jack Clymer, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced the presentation by the Board of a new award for "Alumnus of the Year" – or two such awards, to be precise. Perhaps the choice of awardees was not so surprising: George Nasioutzik '50, President of the Athens Alumni Association since 2005, and Angelos Papaioannou '69, President of the Anatolia College Alumni Association since 2001.



Trustee Jack Clymer presenting awards to George Nasioutzik '50 and Angelos Papaioannou '69.

Clymer first honored Nasioutzik, crediting him with revitalizing Anatolia's alumni presence in Athens over the past two years and noting the Athens Alumni Association's current support for scholarships and the personal support Nasioutzik has given for scholarships, campus beautification, and the creation of a campus master plan. He also thanked the awardee for making his Byzantine Estate outside of Athens available for school gatherings like the recent dinner in honor of Governor Dukakis.

Then Clymer summoned Papaioannou to the podium to receive a twin award, but not before praising him for his dynamic leadership of the

Alumni Association over the past six years, during which time he has also served as an Anatolia Trustee. Clymer thanked his colleague for bringing the alumni closer to Anatolia, for substantially increasing the Association's support for the school, including the creation of the new soccer field and track, and for sponsoring programs and excursions such as the Association's 2002 trip to Merzifon.

Both honorees pointed to others in the room who have also given so much to Anatolia. But the universal sentiment among the guests was that these first two Alumnus of the Year Awards had been well bestowed.

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to student questions about matters ranging from U.S. foreign policy to his own political career.

"Don't let anybody tell you that good people working together can't make a difference in this world," he told ACT students, shaking a finger at them to emphasize the point. He noted that his own entry into politics had been motivated by his desire to take action against the discrimination and inequalities which existed in the U.S. in the 1950s. He urged students

not to be put off by the perception that public affairs are rife with corruption, and he encouraged them to gain practical experience of public service by volunteering and by seeking out internship opportunities. He recalled that his own start had come at the level of local government in Brookline, Mass., and he observed with pleasure that several Anatolians in their 20s and 30s now hold such positions in and around Thessaloniki.

The Governor's evenings were no less busy than his days. He participated on an ACT panel on "Greek-U.S. Relations" (see article, p. 7) and was the guest of honor at a fundraising dinner at Thessaloniki's Hyatt Regency Hotel. In addition, he paid visits to the American Farm School, Pinewood, and the University of Macedonia, and met with local Jewish leaders after viewing the memorial to the Holocaust.

In Athens, he was given the Medal of Honor and Benefaction of the City

by Mayor Nikitas Kaklamanis, he met with Karolos Papoulias, President of the Republic, and conferred briefly with George Papandreou, President of PASOK. In company with President Jackson, he called on the Greek Minister of Education, Marietta Giannakou, to talk about how public and private higher education co-exist productively in the U.S.; he attended a luncheon in his honor hosted by the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute of Democracy; and was the guest of honor at dinners offered by Athens Alumni Association President George Nasioutzik '50 and trustee Constantinos Keletsekis '42, as well as a final gala evening hosted by U.S. Ambassador Charles Ries.

Meanwhile, back in Thessaloniki Dukakis' impact had already begun to make itself felt. Dorini Nini, an ACT freshman whose father is the Albanian Consul General of Thessaloniki and who intends to follow him into public service, told her International Relations teacher Dr. David Wisner that she's going to begin at the grass-roots level, Dukakis-style. "This is what the Dukakis Chair is all about, and I am proud to say that scores of ACT students and alumni have taken the good Governor's message to heart," relates Wisner, who as Chair of ACT's Division of Humanities and Social Sciences has directed the Dukakis Chair since its inauguration in 1999. "Our job now is to find new ways to spread the word and promote the ideal of public service all across the Anatolia community."

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across as freshly as ever. Shakespeare's turn came next. "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" were further abridged by the Anatolia Drama Club in a fast-forwarded version of "Romeo and Juliet" and a rap rendition of "Othello."

Next came song and dance, the former in a medley of Beatles tunes by the Multimedia Club, the latter in a series of folk dances by the Greek Dance Club. The sight of so many Macedonian maidens in traditional dress, and men – and at one point a long line of 7th-grade boys – in fustanellas and caps, filling the stage, was memorably festive. There was time for one final song, the college hymn "Morning Cometh," charmingly performed by the Anatolia Elementary Chorale, the perfect way to bring in a new dawn for the performing arts at Anatolia.

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High School News

Ιπτάμενο Anatolia

Which means Anatolia has been flying. It has probably been Anatolia's most international year ever, with hundreds of students traveling to nine foreign countries on class trips, to conferences and tournaments, and for summer academic experiences. The map tells the story. And

hundreds of Anatolians now have their own travel stories to tell.

They have also been visiting sites in Greece on traditional class trips. All excursions, both foreign and domestic, involve faculty members as chaperones and are educational in nature.

Dublin (14 delegates to an MUN) • **London** (66 sophomores on a cultural trip) • **Paris** (67 lyceum students on a cultural trip) • **Denmark** (1 student to Camp Rising Sun) • **Stuttgart** (5 students to the European Debate Tournament) • **Munich** (18 lyceum students on a cultural trip) • **Potsdam** (2 students to the European Youth Parliament)



U.S.A. (67 students for 2007 summer programs, 14 delegates to the Harvard MUN) • **Barcelona** (171 seniors on two class trips) • **Athens** (77 sophomores and 106 juniors on two class trips) • **Larissa** (90 sophomores on a class trip) • **Konitsa** (99 9th graders on a class trip) • **Kastoria** (49 9th graders on a class trip) • **Drama** (49 9th graders on a class trip) • **Constantinople** (21 delegates to an MUN) • **Hong Kong** (3 students to a summer program)

U.S. College Admissions Continue to Rise

It was another good year for Anatolia in an increasingly competitive U.S. college admissions market. Of the 16 graduates headed for the States, two will be attending Yale University, two Lafayette, and one apiece Amherst, Bard, Bates, B.U., Davidson, Dickinson, Flagler, Georgetown, Mt. Holyoke, Knox, North Carolina State, and Smith.

Moreover, the majority of U.S.-bound seniors are going with sizable scholarships. "Our students have what American colleges are looking for," comments U.S. College Counselor Eva Kanellis. "They bring diversity to U.S. campuses as well as outstanding academic preparation, thanks in part to the Anatolia I.B. Program. We add new schools every year, and we're also building our relationships with the places where we currently have Anatolians, whose strong performance paves the way for others."

Transitions...

Anatolia Math teacher George Lyssarides has been named the school's new Vice President for Secondary Education, succeeding Toulia Georgiadou, former Dean of the 1st Lyceum, who took up the post on an interim basis three years ago. Ms. Georgiadou completes 38 years of service to the school.

Mr. Lyssarides has taught at Anatolia since 1985, although he took a leave from 1999-2004 to serve in governmental posts. He was General Secretary for Sports and the New Generation in the Ministry of Culture and also General Secretary of the Ministry for Macedonia-Thrace. He also served for seven years on the Greek Olympic Committee. The connection with sports is in part due to his stint as a professional soccer player for Thessaloniki's PAOK.

Anatolia Hosts 2nd Model UN

The international arrows also pointed to Thessaloniki this year, as Anatolia staged its own second Model United Nations conference February 23-25 and attracted 300 students from 14 schools from both Greece and abroad. Foreign teams came from Cairo, Warsaw, Munster (Germany), and from both Constantinople and Kermerkoy in Turkey.

All MUNs promote international role-playing, as delegates pretend to be diplomats from various countries and play their adopted countries' policy cards. Accordingly, delegations from Anatolia totaling 58 students represented Cuba, Ghana, Russia, the United Kingdom, Germany, Iceland, India, Denmark, Iran, and Afghanistan. President of the General Assembly was Line Kristensen, a senior in the Anatolia IB Program who is from Denmark (the real Denmark!). Yale-bound Anatolia IB student Argyris Tsiaras (from Thessaloniki) was Secretary General.

Do students ever make the transition from mock diplomacy to the real thing? The conference heard from U.S. Consul General for Thessaloniki Hoyt Brian Yee, a 5th-generation Chinese-American, that it can happen. Yee told the ACMUN assembly that his diplomatic career began in high school in California in his school's MUN club. Mr. James Wasserstrom, Head of Public Utilities Oversight at the UN Mission to Kosovo, also spoke to the assembled delegates. The welcome address was given by one other man with diplomatic experience – 30 years' worth – Anatolia's own President Richard Jackson. For one weekend it seemed like a small – and manageable – world.



President Richard Jackson with Patriarch Vartholomaios on the MUN trip to Constantinople

A native of Thessaloniki, Mr. Lyssarides recently published a book, *Σε τούτα 'δω τα μάρμαρα ... Πλατεία Διοικητηρίου*, about the neighborhood where he grew up.

English teacher Alice Eppinga came to Anatolia on a Fulbright Fellowship in 1968, planning to stay for one year. She is retiring in June after 39 years of service to the school. Another pillar of the English Department, Toulia Kafetzaki, is also retiring, after 32 years of service. Eleni Manolopoulou, veteran philologue of the 2nd Lyceum, is retiring after 34 years in the classroom. Physics teacher Anestis Papademetriou is retiring after 30 years of service. These teachers have left a mark on two generations of Anatolia students and will be keenly missed.

The Anatolian asked four U.S.-based alumni who have distinguished themselves in science and mathematics to talk about their careers. Their stories have a common denominator: inspiring teachers during their Anatolia years.

The Greek state science and math curriculum is a rigorous one, which Anatolia enriches by adding extra science labs and by offering science and math clubs. Here, Biology teacher Constantina Adam gives a hands-on lesson in human anatomy.



Professor Paul Vouros '57

While Paul Vouros was still an Anatolia student, he was first exposed to the principles of basic science and the excitement of the chemistry and physics laboratories. This was in the days when the techniques of mass spectrometry, which now permit sophisticated molecular analysis of biological samples, were still in their infancy. Fifty years later, as a Senior Faculty Fellow of the Barnett Institute of Bioanalytical Chemistry and Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Northeastern University, Vouros has been one of the leaders in the development of those techniques, in particular their application to biomedical analysis.

Anatolia faculty members Sopho-

cles Kavelas and Dimitris Karadimos, among others, inspired the young Vouros, and Dean Small, a Wesleyan graduate, steered him to his own alma mater. Then it was on to MIT to pursue doctoral studies in analytical chemistry, just as the field of mass spectrometry was coming into its own. Following completion of his Ph.D. at MIT under the direction of organic mass spectrometry pioneer Klaus Biemann, an appointment at Baylor Medical Center in Houston brought Vouros into contact with Evan Horning, one of the then world leaders in bioanalytical chemistry. However, after six years, Northeastern University and the New England area beckoned. He mentions the concentration of biomedical talent in the Boston area and the strong encour-

agement from his spouse – Irene Throumoulos, a Greek-American from Maine and a graduate of Wellesley College and Harvard University – as deciding factors in his move back to Massachusetts. Their two daughters live in the Boston area with their families and three grandchildren.

At Northeastern he established the first program in mass spectrometry, a field in which he has published more than 230 articles. For the past fifteen years he has been working intensively in biomedical applications of mass spectrometry, specifically the interaction of chemicals, especially toxins, with human DNA, an important first step in the induction of environmental cancer. By analyzing the molecular structure of the modified DNA, Vouros and his students have been de-

veloping methods to identify the biomarkers indicative of this damage. His work has been supported by the National Cancer Institute, the Environmental Protection Agency, private industry and foundations.

Reflecting on his scientific career, Professor Vouros notes the importance to him not just of the science of chemistry but of the chemistry of individuals who work together in classrooms, labs, and research groups, and he takes special pride in the success of the more than forty doctoral students that he has mentored. He says he's been particularly fortunate in his teachers, colleagues, and students from his Anatolia days onward, and with them he has spent a rewarding lifetime pursuing basic research in chemistry and investigating the structure of biomolecules.



Dr. Nina Papavasiliou '88

a prestigious Wm. Keck Foundation Young Scholars award as well a number of NIH grants, and will be Anatolia's 2007 Commencement Speaker.

Dr. Papavasiliou studies how the body fights disease, specifically how it fights the pathogens that invade our bloodstream. The human immune system has a vast arsenal of weapons, called antibodies, at its disposal, she explains, which are made to order in response to an infection. Antibodies are shaped to perfectly and specifically attach to, and neutralize, the particular invading micro-organism (which can be a bacterium, a virus or a parasite). "You can actually feel this process taking place inside your body," she says, "when your lymph glands (such as your tonsils) swell in response to infection."

Humans are born with only a small number of antibody genes, but can generate up to 100 billion distinct antibodies in response to various infections during their lifetime. This is pos-

sible because, once we sense an invader, our bodies mutate very specifically the DNA that produces antibodies. In this way, many different weapons can be generated, some of which will literally grab the invader by its surface coat and neutralize it.

This immune defense system is so powerful that only a handful of pathogens have developed countermeasures. Organisms like HIV, the cause of AIDS, or like trypanosomes, the causative agents of sleeping sickness, have learned to shed their surface coat in response to antibody attacks, precisely to keep the immune system busily making antibodies that become useless once these clever pathogens change coats! It is this evolutionary battle between our bodies and the pathogens that invade it that fascinates Dr. Papavasiliou.

"It's an exciting field, and I was fortunate to enter it just as advances in molecular biology made it possible to

study and manipulate human DNA as never before," she notes. "The immune system is an absolutely captivating object of study, and I am very fortunate to have the resources of my Rockefeller lab at my disposal to do my research."

How did she get to this point? "My parents are both doctors," says the Thessaloniki native, "but it was the influence of my science teachers at Anatolia that set me on this path. Stephanidou, Mastrogiannis, Voulouvoutis, Paraskevas, and others – they were phenomenal and remain vivid in my memory in a way that most of my later professors do not." Papavasiliou won a scholarship to Oberlin, then went on to Rockefeller University for her Ph.D. After a three-year post-doc stint at Yale, she returned to Rockefeller, where her husband also teaches. They have two daughters, 9 and 12, and live in New York City. "Near our labs," she adds.



Professor Yannis Tsitsiklis '76

Trustee Emeritus. Impressed, the freshman asked, "How does one stay in this place?" He doesn't remember the precise advice he was given (other than "Work hard"), but, with the exception of a year spent at Stanford after completing his Ph.D, he has been at MIT ever since. He is now a Clarence J. Lebel Professor of Electrical Engineering with the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and is also affiliated with the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems and the Operations Research Center.

One week after arriving at MIT as an undergraduate in the fall of 1976, Yannis Tsitsiklis was given a campus tour by Elias Gyftopoulos, now Ford Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering at MIT and an Anatolia

His Anatolia years remain a fond memory, and he singles out one particular teacher of mathematics, Vassilis Adam, now retired, for inspirational teaching that went beyond the demands of the set curriculum. He notes

that three Anatolians went to MIT in the fall of '76 – Nikolaos Papageorgiou, now Professor of Engineering Emeritus at Metsoveion Polytechnic University in Athens, and George Gogos, now Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "Our Anatolia education, and the heady times after the fall of the junta, gave us all the feeling that the world was open and full of opportunity," he notes.

At MIT he became interested in the application of mathematical and computational methods to engineering systems, with an emphasis on dynamic and distributed systems. The former, he explains, evolve or vary over time, such as traffic in a communications network; the latter involve multiple agents whose decisions must be co-

ordinated. Applications of such methods arise in information processing and resource allocation in fields as diverse as logistics, communications, and artificial intelligence.

Professor Tsitsiklis is author or co-author of four books, including *Introduction to Probability*, and more than a hundred journal articles. Earlier this year he was named to the National Academy of Engineering for contributions to the theory and application of optimization in dynamic and distributed systems. Married with twin high-school age daughters, he visits Greece every summer and is a member of the Greek National Council on Research and Technology. Staying in touch with Anatolia is easy; his cousin Ioanna Tsitsikli is a philologue in the 2nd Lyceum.

Dr. Chris Kyriakakis '81

Even more than most graduates, Dr. Chris Kyriakakis is a product of Anatolia. From the age of two months until graduation, he lived on the campus. His father, Aristides Kyriakakis, who died earlier this year, was Director of the Boarding Department and later Dean of the 2nd Lyceum, as well as a teacher of Mathematics. There were lots of American teachers and their children on campus in those days, and Chris grew up virtually bilingual.

"I never had my father in class, of course, but I had other great teachers like Vassilis Adam, Tassos Agapis, and Nikos Sideropoulos. I guess I knew very early on that I was destined for a career in math and science in the U.S." Chris won a scholarship to Caltech, then moved to USC to do his Masters and Doctorate in Electrical Engineering, with a dissertation on signal processing. USC's Viterbi School of Engineering landed a prestigious NSF grant to create the Integrated Media Systems Center in 1996, just as the field of multimedia was emerging, and the little explored academic field of the marriage of audio and mathematics beckoned. Chris joined the Center's audio group as a faculty member and as an investigator in immersive audio, which combines acoustics, psychoacoustics (the perception of sound) and audio signal processing.

"Everyone has heard of surround sound, and our research is focused on how to go beyond today's limits.

We have developed software that can enable you to think you have the best seat in the house no matter where you are sitting in a particular room. There are huge possible applications for this work in entertainment and other areas." Kyriakakis' research has resulted in the publication of more than 100 technical articles and several books. To further the development and realize the commercial potential of those applications, Kyriakakis created Audyssey Laboratories in 2002, which now markets audio software in the U.S., Japan, and Europe, keeping Chris, the company's Chief Technology Officer, on the move. Turn on the radio in your new Volvo or Jaguar in the next couple of years and you may be having an Audyssey-enabled experience.

The applications don't stop there. Last year Kyriakakis won a World Technology Award, presented by the World Technology Network, for the implications of his work for next-generation media and journalism. At the awards ceremony he found himself standing next to fellow awardee Al Gore.

Chris is married to Wee Ling Wong. They have two young children, who are learning Greek and Chinese as well as English. "A typical California family," he observes.



ACT news

The Face(s) of ACT Study Abroad

He is Gabriel Courey, a third-generation Greek-American from Los Angeles who has also lived in Portland, Oregon and Anchorage, Alaska (his father is a Greek-Orthodox priest, so he grew up in the Greek communities in those cities). She is Danielle Dahl, an Iowan of Norwegian descent. She's hellenizing, he's re-hellenizing. They are among a record 84 Americans from a similar diversity of backgrounds who are at ACT as Study Abroad students this term.



Gabriel is a Classics major from Loyola Marymount College, which is not far from his home. His faculty advisor is a friend of President Richard Jackson, and he follows others who have come to ACT from the school. He's taking Modern Greek, Art History, Psychology, and Philosophy this term. He says a lot of his learning takes place outside the classroom, however. "I'm open to the culture. I've gotten to know the vegetable seller on the corner. I do a lot of traveling on the weekends." This summer, his younger brother Stephanos, who has never been to Greece, is going to join him as a summer term student at ACT, and so is his sister Sophia, who just received her nursing degree in the States. Their parents will be joining them for a visit to relatives in Nea Rhoda in Halkidiki once the term is over.



Danielle wanted to see more of the world and found out about ACT through the Study Abroad Office at the University of Iowa, where she is an International Relations major. This is her second term at ACT, and she now serves as student government secretary and helps orient others to the Greek experience. Has she had any adventures here? "I do quite a bit of sky diving back home, and I brought my parachute along with me. There are only about 70 sky divers in Greece, and I've met quite a few of them. There's a drop zone near a single strip airport not far from here, in Polikastro. The first time I went sky diving there I looked over at the snow-covered peaks of Mount Olympus as I was falling from 12,000 feet. It was literally awesome. I said to myself, you're not in Iowa any more." This summer she's going to be working as an au pair on the island of Skopelos, teaching English to the son of an ACT professor. "I think it's going to be hard to leave."

ACT MBA and Iowa's Tippie School Join Forces

The ACT MBA and the Tippie School of Management of the University of Iowa signed a new three-year agreement on campus on February 12. Terry Heinichin, Director of the Tippie School's MBA for Professionals and Managers Program, represented ACT's newest academic partner at the signing. The Tippie School, consistently ranked among the top fifty MBA programs, will cooperate with ACT on a range of activities within ten areas itemized in the agreement.

Collaboration began almost immediately. The Tippie School's Professor George R. Neumann and Dawn Wood, Assistant Director of the MBA for Pro-

fessionals and Managers Program, and a group of 33 students have recently been on campus to attend classes and have made visits to companies in Thessaloniki.

Nikos Kourkoumelis, Director of the ACT MBA, comments: "We view our agreement with the Tippie School as an important, constructive, and positive opportunity for collaboration concerning educational, training, and research issues." Adds President Jackson, "This groundbreaking agreement results in large part from the encouragement and support of Trustee John Pappajohn to both institutions. We're very grateful to him."



L. to r., President Jackson, Yianos Kontopoulos '88, Christos Bougiouklis (HSBC Bank Director for Northern Greece), Maria Kambouridou '71 (HSBC Senior Premier Manager). Dr. Kontopoulos, a prominent Wall Street economist and global strategist, spoke to a large audience of business leaders and students at Anatolia on November 27, 2006. His topic was "Seven Deadly Sins of the Global Economy, and Why I Am Not Worried About It." HSBC sponsored the event, which was co-organized by ACT and the Columbia University Alumni Association.



Ambassador Leonidas Evangelidis '53, formerly Director-General of Common Foreign and Security Policy in the European Commission, delivered a Dukakis Lecture on the European Constitution on May 17.



Distinguished anthropologist Dr. Michael Herzfeld spoke on "Hidden Colonialism: Looking at Greece from Bangkok and Rome" on May 18.



Brady Kiesling, the first senior American diplomat to resign in protest against the war in Iraq (in February 2003), met with ACT students and presented his new book, *Diplomacy Lessons: Realism for an Unloved Superpower*, at Morley House on March 6th.

Virginia Tech Shootings Touch ACT

Colleges everywhere felt sympathy for the victims of the April 16 shootings at the Virginia Institute of Technology, but ACT had special reason to feel close to the tragedy. Since 2003 ACT has had a study-abroad agreement with VIT, and a steady stream of VIT students has spent a term in Thessaloniki; two students are here for the current term. Omar Samaha from VIT spent a term

at ACT in 2003; his 18-year-old sister Reema was among those killed. An ACT graduate, Rudi Nderim, from Kosovo, a former Bosis Tanevski Scholar at ACT, is now a graduate student at VIT. President Jackson and Archontis Pantisios, Director of Academic and Student Affairs at ACT, both expressed their condolences to Omar and the VIT community. *The Anatolian* joins them.

Panel Takes On Greek-American Relations

On April 16 a not-quite-finished Raphael Hall was the scene of a panel of distinguished speakers addressing the question of the current state of Greek-American relations, under the aegis of the Michael S. Dukakis Chair in Public Policy and Service. The panel was moderated by Dimitri Keridis '87, recent holder of the Karamanlis Chair at the Fletcher School at Tufts University, and also included author Nicholas Gage, Deputy Greek Foreign Minister Euripides Stylianides, as well as Governor Dukakis. The new auditorium, filled to capacity, came through with flying colors, and the speakers seized the opportunity for substantive, open discussion.

Speaking first, Keridis characterized Greek-American relations as "mature, promising, and stable," despite the strains caused by current U.S. policy in the Middle East. At the same time he noted a chronic gap between promise and performance as he reviewed the course of the relationship since the time of the Truman Doctrine to the present. Deputy Foreign Minister Stylianides followed, stressing at the outset the areas where Greece and the U.S. have recently come together, including anti-terrorism and the peaceful development of the Balkan region. He foresaw increased U.S. investment in Greece in areas such as alternative energy and "energy transit," and in-



L. to r., Nicholas Gage, Michael Dukakis, Euripides Stylianides, Dimitris Keridis.

creased trade as well, though he observed that the U.S. now accounts for just over 5% of the total value of Greek exports. He reviewed U.S. and Greek policy on Cyprus and on the issue of the name of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, recognized by the U.S. as plain Macedonia since 2004 over Greek protests.

That set the stage for Nicolas Gage, who did not mince words. He characterized the recognition of Macedonia as "a slap in the face" to the Greek-Americans who had just

raised almost three million dollars for the re-election of George Bush, and he blamed, in part, insufficiently professionalized Greek-American public relations. He compared the work of the Greek lobby unfavorably with that of the Turkish lobby and he emphasized the need for more philhellenes to become involved and for wiser use to be made of the press.

Governor Dukakis spoke last and tackled the matter of Greek disapproval of the war in Iraq. "If we are not true to our own values, we shouldn't be sur-

prised if our friends get angry with us," he said, calling the war in Iraq "a fiasco." Nevertheless, he expressed the opinion that Greek-American relations had improved in recent years at the governmental level, and hoped that relations would take a turn for the better after the 2008 elections. While conceding the need for better media coverage of Greek issues, he also defended the lobbying efforts of Greek-Americans, which he thought more persuasive for not coming from paid professionals. A lively public discussion followed.

Lois Kerimis Celebrates 90 in Style



Lois Kerimis with Angeliki Latsiou '08 (center), her mother (left), and aunt Irini Tzimou '92.

Former Anatolia English teacher Lois Riess Kerimis had a 90th birthday wish: to celebrate the day at Anatolia, in the town where she grew up and later taught, with her and her late husband's former students (her husband Nikos Kerimis taught French at Anatolia, which is where the couple met). On April 21, during a weeklong visit to Anatolia and the Farm School, Lois had her wish, with President Jackson, who had arranged for the visit, and her brothers Gordon and Leighton in attendance, along with 20 members of the Anatolia classes of the early 50s. Also present was junior Anatolia scholarship student Angeliki Latsiou, whose presence at the school Ms. Kerimis has made possible, and members of her family.

It was easy to see what kind of a teacher Ms. Kerimis must have been, because it was hard to imagine that she had changed! She is sharp as a tack at 90, and in fact she is still teaching English – to adults in Southern California, where she lives. She explained to those gathered in Morley House why she wanted to be at Anatolia on her 90th: "Since 1924, Anatolia has been part of my life." In that year, when she was 7 years old, she and her family moved to Thessaloniki, where her father was asked to help establish the Y.M.C.A., which remains a vital part of city life to this day. Her extended family was the Anatolia of the time, when the school had just reopened in Harilaou after relocating from Asia Minor. She evoked memories of the White and Compton families from her personal recollections of them, as well as of teaching at Anatolia in the post-war years, which marked the beginning of a long teaching career in Europe and the U.S.



After the birthday girl's remarks, the floor was open to others. A former student spoke for all: "We adored you." The cake was cut – but not before President Jackson had extended an invitation for Anatolia to host Lois' 100th birthday party as well.



That's all, folks!
In keeping with the premise of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," in one scene only two heads appear...

The Anatolian caught up with Governor Michael Dukakis

near the end of his stay at Anatolia as current holder of the Michael S. Dukakis Chair in Public Policy and Service.

How did you first come into contact with Anatolia?

It was through my parents, who used to receive a newsletter like this one from the school. I grew up in Brookline, just outside of Boston, where the Greek-American community was well aware of Anatolia. I think my parents were modest contributors to the school and I recollect Carl Compton's coming to dinner once in the post-war years, before he became Anatolia President. I didn't come to Greece until 1976, when I was Governor of Massachusetts, and I didn't visit Anatolia until 1999, to inaugurate the Chair that is named in my honor. I'm delighted to have been able to immerse myself in the life of the school during these past two weeks.

What stands out about your visit?

Besides the hospitality with which I've been received, it's been the contact with students at ACT and Anatolia. They've been receptive to my message about opportunities in public service. They want to be part of the process of change in Greece and the Balkans, and I've enjoyed some spirited discussions with them. You've got a very impressive school and college here. Another great asset is the loyalty of your alumni. They just love the place.

You led Massachusetts through a period of dynamic change in the 70s and 80s. If you were to become 'Governor' of Greece, what would you do?

First of all, I want to say that Greece has come a long way from the poor country I first saw in the mid-70s. The changes are remarkable.

I think your highways are now in better shape than those in Massachusetts. But there are parallels to the position of Greece now and Massachusetts then, especially in terms of economics. We had high unemployment in Massachusetts in the 70s, and manufacturing was in decline. With the help of universities like Harvard and MIT we were able to move to knowledge-based industries and stimulate our economy, and I can imagine something similar happening in Greece. If knowledge is the currency of the new economy, that is what Greece should invest in.

That's what you're doing at ACT. There's no reason that Greece shouldn't become the technology corridor of the Balkans. Alternative energy and agriculture, biotech, information technologies – the ingredients are here.

You're going to pay a call, with President Jackson, on the Greek Education Minister, Marietta Giannakou, later this week. What are you going to talk about?

I want to give her my perspective on the co-existence of public and private universities such as we have it in the States. As you know, that's an area of intense debate in Greek society at the moment, and one with conse-



Governor Dukakis chatting with 9th grader Daphne Retzepe and Gymnasium Dean Lia Manidou '76 after his talk to the 2nd Gymnasium.

quences for ACT. I'm going to mention the example not just of Massachusetts but of California, where you have a strong state system of higher education as well as great private colleges and universities. Berkeley, part of the state system, co-exists with Stanford; UCLA, where I teach in the summer, with USC. The same could happen, in my view, in Greece.

Let me ask you about Greek anti-Americanism.

It's true that many Greeks are angry at U.S. foreign policy right now. And so am I. The war in Iraq is a disaster, an entirely predictable one. I've said many times over the past ten days that when America does not practice what it preaches, our friends are going to get angry with us. And they have a right to. I tell Greeks that many Americans are equally upset at the course their country has been taking in recent years. But changes have already come to Congress and next year I hope we'll see a Democrat elected President.

Care to tip your hand?

It's early yet. It's a long process, believe me. We have an excellent field of Democratic candidates. I like our chances.

What does it take to become a successful politician?

I was asked that question by a student today. I said you have to be an optimist, you have to have a genuine passion for making a difference in people's lives. You have to be a good listener as well as a good communicator. You have to be able to build coalitions. This is where our current President, unlike his father, has totally failed, with catastrophic results. And you have to be able to handle criticism, because you're going to get plenty of it.

Let me bring you around to Anatolia again. Your parents, Greek immigrants to America, supported the school. Who should support it now, and why?

Anyone with a love for Greece should support this school, and there are a lot of us, and not just people of Greek descent. Take your Chairman [Chairman of the Board George Bissell], for example. Your Greek alumni need to step up and support you, too, as American alumni do their schools. I'm a great believer in education. It's the best investment a person can make. At a place like this, you're getting in on the ground floor, whether you're a student, a teacher, or a supporter. Good luck to you.

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