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Bradlee Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Vice President at Large **Ben Bradlee** just might be one of the most influential American newspaper editors of all time, at least if the University of Illinois has anything to say about it. On Oct. 24 in the Newseum atrium, Bradlee became only the second recipient of the university's Illinois Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism—an honor bestowed on longtime “60 Minutes” co-anchor Mike Wallace last year.

Apart from Bradlee's Post family, including his wife **Sally Quinn**, Post Co. Chairman **Don Graham**, Publisher **Katharine Weymouth**, and Post colleagues and friends like **Mary Hadar**, **David Ignatius**, **Peter Perl**, **George Solomon**, **Bob Woodward** and others, a who's who of journalists were also on deck to honor Bradlee. Recent presidential debate moderators Bob Schieffer from CBS and Jim Lehrer from PBS were present, as were NBC journalists Andrea Mitchell (with husband, former chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan) and Hardball host Chris Matthews, among many others.



Vice President at Large Ben Bradlee receives the Illinois Prize for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism from University of Illinois Chancellor Richard Herman. Bradlee is the second recipient ever.

Walt Harrington, head of the university's journalism program, opened the evening and said, “Ben's journalism has always made noise. Ben's journalism showed no favorites.” Then, he thanked

Bradlee and said, “You've had a good life [a reference to Bradlee's autobiography “A Good Life”], but it's a life that's made many lives better.”

Newseum Executive Director and Senior Vice President Joe Urschel first described the 74-foot-high marble engraving of the First Amendment on the Newseum's façade and then said, “Few Americans have done more to defend and uphold those ideas than tonight's honoree Ben Bradlee and we thank you for that.”

Post Co. Chairman Don Graham said that Bradlee was his mother's (**Katharine Graham**) “greatest deci-

sion” and called him the “greatest editor of his time and one of the greatest people we all know and love.”

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New Faces



Binyamin Appelbaum

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Liz Cassidy



James Fox



Shirley Jones



Sundaram Karupiah

BINYAMIN APPELBAUM, News (Financial), recently joined The Post as a banking reporter. He previously worked at the Boston Globe as the residential real estate reporter. He's also worked at the Charlotte Observer and the Florida Times-Union. In 2001, he earned his BA from the University of Pennsylvania. Binyamin speaks Hebrew and some French.

LIZ CASSIDY, IT, is a new administrative assistant and confidential secretary. She's coming to The Post from the Ambulatory Surgery Center Association, where she was the membership services coordinator. She was also a congressional staffer. Liz earned her BA from Baylor University (Tex.). On the weekends, she's a floral designer at Nicole's Flowers in Old Town Alexandria. Her favorite flower to arrange is the gerber daisy. She hopes to one day have her own flower shop and she has three pet Chihuahuas: Fifi, Pepe and Luna.



Jessica Madgitz



Ron Stevens



Molly Urciolo

JAMES FOX, Administrative, formerly a Guardsmark security officer at The Post, is now a general staff associate in the Mailroom. He has also worked in a warehouse. He grew up in Temple Hills, Md. and attended Gibbs College in Vienna, Va. James' hobbies include graphic design, writing music, being a musical performer, fashion design and fabric painting.

SHIRLEY JONES, Accounting, is a new payroll associate coming to The Post from Sunrise Senior Living, where she was a contract payroll associate. Prior to that, she was a payroll specialist at Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP Law Firm. She loves to read and if she's by the ocean, all the better. In 2006, Shirley raised over \$3,000 for the Whitman Walker Clinic by running a half marathon. Hurricane Katrina's devastation caused the marathon to be relocated from New Orleans to Miami,

Fla. She says that she never dreamed of running a marathon, but the cause was worthwhile. She would consider running another one.

SUNDARAM KARUPPIAH, IT, recently joined The Post as a senior network engineer coming from Agentrics, LLC, where he was the senior network administrator. He also worked at Satyam Computex Services. He earned his bachelor's degree in electronics and communications engineering from Thiagarajar College in India. He enjoys playing and watching cricket, as well as ping-pong. He moved to the U.S. in 2000 and continued to play cricket with some friends, but jokingly says, "Then I got married." He clarifies that it's not that his wife doesn't let him play, it's just that it's difficult to find time, especially since they have a three-year-old child.

JESSICA MADGITZ, Advertising, is a new account manager. She previously worked at DCJobs.com as an account executive. She earned her BA in communications from George Mason University (Va.). Jessica used to be a competitive swimmer. She likes to get in the car and just go. And she could make some mean desserts.

RON STEVENS, Accounting, formerly a collection specialist at Credit Claims of America is new collection specialist at The Post. He previously worked at the Accounts Receivable division at Circuit City corporate offices.

MOLLY URCILO, Marketing, is a familiar face at The Post. She was a Marketing intern working closely with the Post-Points program, but is now a full-time associate marketing manager. She earned her BS in marketing and logistics, transportation and supply chain management from the R.H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. She recently ran the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C.—her first marathon—in a little over four hours.

Publisher Katharine Weymouth revealed that Bradlee and her grandmother, Katharine Graham, exchanged year-end letters sharing their accomplishments and hopes. Weymouth then read a “mysterious, new letter” apparently sent from the great beyond, where Mrs. Graham tells Bradlee: “I can’t believe it’s already been seven years since I came up here... Ben you’re the best of the best and there isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t miss you. Congratulations on a job well done. I wish I could be there with you tonight.” Weymouth then said, “Ben, grandma speaks for me too. I love you



Vice President Ben Bradlee accepts his lifetime achievement award from the University of Illinois. He told the crowd that to succeed in this business you should “hook up with the Grahams.”

ing editor,” joked Weymouth, “And I believe grandma let him keep his left one.” Woodward later told the audience about Jason Robard’s reluctance to play Bradlee in “All the President’s Men” on account that the script called for Robards to say—in true Bradlee form—“Where’s the [expletive] story?” too many times.

In a video presentation and series of interviews honoring Bradlee put together by Pulitzer Prize-winning and former Post photographer **Lucian Perkins** and ShopTalk

Editor **Mario Oña**, colleagues shared other amusing stories about the honoree.

In the video, Don Graham



Vice President Ben Bradlee is congratulated by Post columnist and Associate Editor **David Ignatius**. Of note, Ignatius’ book, “Body of Lies,” is a blockbuster movie in theaters now.

talked about the time Bradlee received an angry letter and then responded, “Dear [expletive]...” Graham assured the crowd that Bradlee and the angry letter

writer became friends. Watergate reporter **Carl Bernstein** recalled Bradlee’s apolitical stance, loyalty to fair



Two journalism heavyweights, PBS’s Jim Lehrer and CBS’s Bob Shieffer, who both moderated recent presidential debates, were also on deck to honor Vice President Ben Bradlee.

reporting and integrity. Bradlee once told him, “I don’t give a [expletive], who’s president. I really don’t give a [expletive] who’s president.” And then, longtime

Style Editor Mary Hadar retold the time when she argued with Bradlee that they could not split a long story into two parts, at which point Bradlee said, “Yes, you can,” then yanked the story from her hands, ripped the story in

two and said, “Part one and part two.”

The evening concluded with a few words from the man of the hour. Bradlee said, “I have a table full of children and grandchildren over there. And I want you to know, children, that everything they said was all right. Everything they said was true—not!” He then concluded, “My advice to anyone who wants to succeed in this business is to hook up with the Grahams. Donald you have been a fantastic boss...

That’s all I have to say. I’m so glad to be here. I’m proud to be here. I love this business, ‘cause I love The Post. Anyway, goodbye to you all and I’ll see you around.” ■



Columnist and former Sports Editor **George Solomon** embraces Vice President Ben Bradlee. In a video presentation honoring Bradlee, Solomon roasted Bradlee for showing off his chest in a recent photograph taken by Annie Leibovitz for Vanity Fair.

Honoree and Vice President Ben Bradlee, center, with his longtime assistant **Carol Leggett** and her husband of 44 years, **Bob Leggett**.

and I consider myself lucky to have you, Sally and Quinn in my life.”

But the night was not all serious. It would have been impossible to truly capture the essence of Bradlee without any anecdotes of Bradlee’s often foul-mouthed, tough-as-nails irreverence.

Weymouth joked that in a 1964 letter between Bradlee and Mrs. Graham, Bradlee said, “I’d give my left one to become managing editor of The Washington Post.” “Soon enough Ben become manag-

United Way

The annual Post United Way campaign is underway. To donate, contact your department person or the campaign chair, Vice President **Lionel Neptune**, Affiliates and Community Development at x4-4228. In a recent memo to



all employees, Publisher **Katharine Weymouth** wrote, "I hope you will consider contributing to the campaign as an important way to help those in need among our neighbors and communities." Employees should have received an e-mail from IT on Oct. 21 with their username and password, which will allow them to securely access the United Way Web site and make a charitable contribution. Contact **Vonda Coulbourn**, HR, at x4-5435 to get the names of the departmental representatives.

Northwest Health Center to Close

The Northwest Building Health Center will close on Jan. 1, 2009. In a memo to all Post employees, Vice President **Peggy Schiff**, Finance and HR, wrote, "After making several changes over the years to our NW Health Center, we have concluded that continuing its operation is no longer viable in the current business climate." Schiff explained that when the production facility was co-located

at the Northwest location, it justified having an on-site facility to handle production-related injuries.

Starting in 2009, The Post's Security Department will handle responses to medical emergencies—just as they do today during those hours when the Health Center is closed. Additionally, other programs will continue, like EAP counseling, ergonomics, flu shot administration and blood drives.

Note to All Post Employees

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552-5927 for more information. Visit www.zipcar.com/washingtonpost to become a member.

EAP Tip

Living with a physical disease or illness can be considerably more difficult if you also have depression. Similarly, having depression can increase your risk for developing a chronic disease like diabetes or heart disease. Fortunately, most people who seek treatment for depression see results, which means they can manage their physical health conditions easier and/or help prevent a chronic illness from occurring. As part of APS Healthcare's continuing effort to promote the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), a promotional theme tip sheet is now available near the Health Center or by contacting ShopTalk (onam@washpost.com). Remember: EAP is committed to being "Healthy Together" and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-765-0770 or at www.apshelplink.com. Just enter company code: Post.

Additionally, as October is designated "Breast Cancer Awareness Month", a tip sheet

In the Green Corner

FACT: Sunday Source has a weekly column called "Eco Wise" that explores ways to live greener.

GREEN TIP: More and more cabs are going green by using hybrids, as this week's "Eco Wise" examined. Why not encourage more cabbies to go green by giving eco-friendly cab services your business? EnviroCab, for example, serves Arlington: 703-920-3333.



titled "Breast Cancer Awareness," outlining risk factors and warning signs of breast cancer is also available.

PostPoints Feedback

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Marketplace

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