by at least forty percent of those members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting to the entire membership for vote by mail ballot. Ballots must be returned within thirty (30) days to be counted. A proposed amendment shall be ratified if approved by a majority of those voting. An amendment shall take effect immediately upon ratification unless the amendment itself provides otherwise.

Gabriel A. Almond Dissertation Award Established

The Association's Council has established a Gabriel A. Almond Award to be presented annually for the best dissertation completed and accepted during the previous year in the general field of comparative politics.

Announcement of the award was made by Lucian W. Pye at a dinner on June 2 marking Dr. Almond's retirement. In making the announcement, Dr. Pye read a letter from APSA Executive Director, Evron M. Kirkpatrick, which said in part:

"This Award is a well deserved recognition of your contribution to the discipline, profession, and Association. As your colleagues and friends have noted in their proposal to the Council for an Award honoring you, your scholarly achievements in the field of comparative politics directly contributed to the development of theory in comparative politics and brought together work on the developing areas and Western Europe that prevented splintering into an array of disparate area studies. As your



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classic and often quoted APSA Presidential Address, 'Political Theory and Political Science,' attests, your enrichment of the discipline reaches beyond any particular subfield. Establishment of the Award is only a prelude to your future contributions.

"You have so consistently, effectively, and generously supported the Association and its programs as a member and President that all of us are assured that in the years ahead we can count not only on continued scholarship, but wise counsel and effective leadership."

The sponsoring committee for the award was composed of: David Apter, Yale University; Frederick C. Barghoorn, Yale University; Samuel H. Beer, Harvard University; Bernard C. Cohen, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Philip E. Converse, University of Michigan; Wayne Cornelius, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Robert Dahl, Yale University; Karl W. Deutsch, Harvard University; Harry Eckstein, Princeton University; Lewis J. Edinger, Columbia University; Heinz Eulau, Stanford University; Richard R. Fagen, Stanford University; James W. Fesler, Yale University; Alexander L. George, Stanford University; Pendleton Herring, Woodrow Wilson Foundation; Robert T. Holt, University of Michigan; Samuel Huntington, Harvard University; Robert E. Lane, Yale University; Charles Lindbloom, Yale University; Seymour Martin Lipset, Hoover Institution; Robert J. Mundt, University of North Carolina/ Charlotte; Robert Packenham, Stanford University; Ithiel de Sola Pool, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Lucian W. Pye, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Stein Rokkan, University of Bergen; Dankwart A. Rustow, City University of New York; James Scott, University of Wisconsin, Madison; James R. Townsend, University of Washington; John E. Turner, University of Minnesota; Sidney Verba, Harvard University; Robert E. Ward, Stanford University; Myron Weiner, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Bryce Wood, The Brookings Institution; Aristide R. Zolberg, University of Chicago; and Joseph LaPalombara, Yale

Individuals wishing to contribute to the Gabriel A. Almond Endowment Fund may do so by sending contributions to the Association. Contributions, which are tax deductible, should be made out to the APSA Gabriel A. Almond Fund.

APSA Archives at Georgetown University Library Dedicated

The Georgetown University Library officially received the American Political Science Association archives in a ceremony on April 23. Participants in the ceremony included: Donald G. Herzberg, Dean of the Georgetown University Graduate School; Evron M. Kirkpatrick, APSA Executive Director; Father Aloysius Kelly, Georgetown University Provost; Joseph Jeffs, Georgetown University Librarian; and

James MacGregor Burns, Williams College and 1976 Association President.

President Burns delivered an address entitled "Is This the Way to Choose Presidents?" and prefaced his remarks with the following statement on the dedication of the archives:

"I am pleased to present officially today the archives of the American Political Science Association to the Georgetown University Library. The Association's archives, which date back to the founding of the Association in 1903, record the history and development of the Association and the profession of political science. The Association is grateful to this distinguished University and especially its Library for its archiving of this material which will now be available to scholars."

APSA Council Minutes

A meeting of the Council was held January 24-25, 1976, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Present: Benjamin R. Barber, James David Barber, Samuel H. Beer, Leonard Binder, James MacGregor Burns, James B. Christoph, Fred I. Greenstein, Herbert Jacob, M. Kent Jennings, Charles O. Jones, Evron M. Kirkpatrick, Dale Rogers Marshall, Betty A. Nesvold, Samuel C. Patterson, Frances Fox Piven, Nelson W. Polsby, Inez Smith Reid, James N. Rosenau, Mulford Q. Sibley, John E. Turner, Aaron Wildavsky.

Committee Appointments

President Burns presented the Council with his proposed committee appointments. Patterson moved that the committee appointments be accepted. Binder offered a substitute motion that the role and function of each committee be discussed and the appointments to each committee be voted on separately. The Binder substitute motion was passed by a show of hands vote: 8 for, 5 opposed.

Greenstein moved to accept the appointments to the various awards committees. The motion was unanimously approved. President Burns' nominations to the Nominating Committee, Board of Trustees of the Trust and Development Fund, Administrative Committee, Rules Committee, Election Committee, Program Development Committee, Editorial Board of PS, Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom, Committee on Pre-Collegiate Education, Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession. Committee on the Status of Chicanos in the Profession, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, Committee of Department Chairpersons were discussed and voted on separately. All appointments were approved by a voice vote.

Problems of Employment of Political Scientists

Sibley moved to alter the order of the agenda so that the items "Problems of Employment of Political Scientists" and "Problems of Federal Support for Political Science Research" would be considered early in the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Kirkpatrick relayed to the Council Seymour Martin Lipset's support for continuing activity in this field and his suggestions for action. Following extensive discussion of past activities undertaken by the Association in this area as well as specific recommendations for the future, Sibley moved the appointment of a Committee on Employment Opportunities, composed of members of the Committee of Department Chairpersons and others who would represent various fields outside academic life, which will bring together all of the problems suggested during the Council discussion and recommend a proposal for action to the April meeting of the Council. The Council agreed to adopt the motion in principle, with details to be worked out by an ad hoc committee of the Council which would report back to the Council the following morning.

Committee on Educational Policy and Programs

John C. Wahlke, Chairperson of the Committee on Educational Policy and Programs reported to the Council on the first meeting of his committee, and the areas in which they plan to direct their attention and attempt to formulate guidelines as to what should and should not be done, and in what way. He noted that the Committee published a report in the Winter, 1976, PS calling on members of the Association to communicate with the Committee on ideas. The Council commended Wahlke on the work of his committee.

Federal Support of Political Science Research

David C. Leege, Program Director for Political Science at the National Science Foundation appeared to discuss the status of political



APSA Archives dedication at Georgetown University. L to R: Evron M. Kirkpatrick, APSA Executive Director; Donald G. Herzberg, Dean, Georgetown University Graduate School; James MacGregor Burns, APSA President; and Joseph Jeffs, Georgetown University Librarian.