



LEWIS INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER UNVEILING WITH DEAN CLARK AND THE LEWIS FAMILY MEMBERS: MRS. REGINALD F. (LOIDA) LEWIS AND DAUGHTERS, CHRISTINA AND LESLIE

"The Reginald F. Lewis International Law Center stands as a fitting tribute to a man of rare intelligence, perseverance, integrity, and humanity."

Lewis Center dedicated; Reg Lewis remembered

On April 23, the Harvard Law School dedicated the Reginald F. Lewis International Law Center.

According to participants, the dedication was a deeply moving event. It looked back upon and celebrated the life of Reginald Lewis, a member of the Class of 1968, whose great generosity to the School had only recently been made public. It also underscored the loss felt by the Harvard Law School community—and by the larger community of Lewis's friends and associates—in the wake of his untimely death in January. And finally, coinciding as it did with the 25th reunion of Lewis's Law School class, it prompted many of Lewis's classmates in attendance to reflect on the patterns and priorities of their own lives.

Over 300 people attended the ceremony, including 12 members of the Lewis family and an equal number of Lewis's closest business associates. Cold and unsettled weather necessitated a relocation of the event from its planned outdoor venue to the Ames Courtroom in Austin Hall. Guests were welcomed into the crowded hall by Dean Robert Clark. President Neil L. Rudenstine and Professor Frank E. A. Sander '52 made remarks on behalf of the University and the School. William C. Slattery, a member of Lewis's Law School class, also made observations about his late classmate.

A highlight of the event were the elo-

quent comments made by Lewis's daughters. Christina, only 13 years old, and her older sister Leslie (a Harvard College undergraduate) impressed the gathering with their poise and sincerity. "My father loved this school," said Leslie. "One reason why he consented to have this building named after him was because he was convinced that the mere existence of this center would make African-American students walk a little taller, and work a little harder."

Dean Clark then rose again to read a formal proclamation, as follows:

- It is with great pride and reverence that Harvard Law School dedicates the Reginald F. Lewis International Law Center. In naming the Law School's center for international legal studies in his memory, Harvard honors an alumnus of extraordinary accomplishments and uncommon vision.
- Born of modest circumstances, Reginald F. Lewis '68 possessed a singular determination and prodigious intellect which distinguished him throughout his all-too-brief life. His innumerable successes as a student, lawyer, and business leader heightened his commitment to provide others with the opportunities he himself had enjoyed. Dedicating this building in his memory reflects the Law School's gratitude for his influential involvement and exemplary generosity.