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The focus for discussion is each lecturer's response to problems that are of concern not only to the specialists of a single discipline but, more broadly, to everyone in the various departments of a division, and often, to members of the scholar community as a whole.

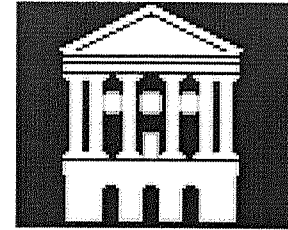
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The original fund has since been augmented by annual contributions of income realized from the operation of the Hilldale Shopping Center. The shopping center, constructed on a portion of land formerly included in the University Hill Farms, has become an important part of Madison's retail business community.

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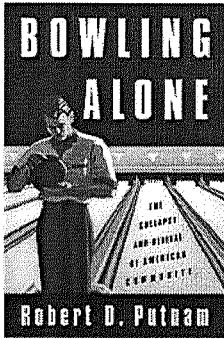
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# *The Hilldale Lectures*

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Monday, September 18, 2000  
6:00 PM  
1100 Grainger Hall

*Bowling Alone:  
The Collapse and Revival of  
American Community*

*Putnam warns that our stock of social capital—the very fabric of our connections with each other, has plummeted, impoverishing our lives and communities. Putnam draws on evidence including nearly 500,000 interviews over the last quarter century to show that we sign fewer petitions, belong to fewer organizations that meet, know our neighbors less, meet with friends less frequently, and even socialize with our families less often. We're even bowling alone. More Americans are bowling than ever before, but they are not bowling in leagues. Putnam shows how changes in work, family structure, age, suburban life, television, computers, women's roles and other factors have contributed to this decline.*

*In Bowling Alone, Putnam sets out to answer four fundamental questions:*

- 1. What has been happening to civic engagement and social connectedness over the past three decades?*
- 2. Why has this happened?*
- 3. So what? What are the consequences of a decline in social capital?*
- 4. What can we do about it?*

*America has civically reinvented itself before—approximately 100 years ago at the turn of the last century. And America can civically reinvent itself again—find out how and help make it happen at The Hilldale Lecture presentation of Dr. Robert D. Putnam.*

*Robert D. Putnam  
Director, The Saguaro Seminar  
The Peter and Isabel Malkin  
Professor of Public Policy  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, MA*



*Robert D. Putnam is the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy. He has served as chairman of Harvard's Department of Government, Director of the Center for International Affairs, and Dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is author or co-author of eight books and more than thirty scholarly articles published in ten languages, including Disaffected Democracies: What's Troubling the Trilateral Countries? (2000); Making Democracy Work: Civic Traditions in Modern Italy (1993); Double-Edged Diplomacy: International Bargaining and Domestic Politics (1993); Hanging Together: The Seven-Power Summits (1984); Bureaucrats and Politicians in Western Democracies (1981); Comparative Study of Political Elites (1976); and Beliefs of Politicians (1973). Professor Putnam was educated at Swarthmore College, Balliol College, Oxford; and Yale University, and has received honorary degrees from Swarthmore and Stockholm University. He has taught at the University of Michigan and served on the staff of the National Security Council. His current research on American democracy appears in the book, Bowling Alone: The collapse and revival of American community.*

*Articles by Robert Putnam include:*

*"The Prosperous Community: Social Capital and Public Life"  
"The Strange Disappearance of Civic America" and a correction  
"Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital"*

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