Bostonia's 1988 Smart Team

NINE SMART PLAYERS and 166 ON-DECK

THE PLAYERS LISTED ON THE NEXT FEW PAGES are smart. Just don't ask them to admit it. Dr. George Lamb sums up his smarts, "I think good science," while the others call themselves intuitive, stubborn or insightful, but never smart. Maybe they're just used to it. Being smart, after all, is like being right. It's best if you start early —like Michael Dukakis, who first ran for president in third grade. Or Yo-Yo Ma who at 32, has performed professionally for 27 years.

Being smart can also mean overcoming the odds. "People don't persist in paying for the truth," says Henry Hampton, whose "Eyes on the Prize" on the civil rights movement struggled into prime time heavily in debt. But just what makes these players smart is hard to say. They are achievers. They have outpaced others, spoken more clearly, shone more brilliantly. And yet more than half, when asked their greatest achievement, cited their families. We say that's smart. Just don't expect to hear it from them.

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Smart Comeback

MICHAEL DUKAKIS
Losing once was enough

Still Smart After all these Years

DANIEL BELL
This sociologist formulates a vision for tomorrow's America

ROBERT COLES
Teaching children ethics beyond right and wrong

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH
Harvard's elder statesman of economics

STEPHEN JAY GOULD
Natural science's Renaissance man

PHILIP MORRISON
MIT physicist whose mind explodes with curiosity

ABRAM SACHAR
Brandeis University is a monument to his dream

JOHN R. SILBER
The force behind Boston University

B.F. SKINNER
Psychologist who incubated nature vs. nurture debate

ROBERT M. SOLOW
Because of him, economics is enriched

LESTER C. THUROW
From MIT, conducting the search for America's competitive edge

Street Smarts

ROBERT Q. CRANE
He's made Megabucks for the state

JOE DENUCCI
Massachusetts' source of checks and balances

STEPHEN MINDICH
He made the Phoenix *the only* Real Paper

FRED SALVUCCI
Brighton boy paves way for 12-year traffic jam. City applauds.

JOHN SASSO
Shot once in the foot, he's stalking the political trail again

Smart Alecks

HOWIE CARR
If he'd take off his blinders, we might take him seriously

ANDY HILLER
Boston's Sam Donaldson

AVI NELSON
A thoughtful conservative in a liberal town

JERRY WILLIAMS
The primo Duke basher

Smart Counsel

JUDGE RUTH ABRAMS
Ruling the Superior Judicial Court with a fair hand

ANTONIA H. CHAYES
An expert in how to end disputes

ALAN DERSHOWITZ
Good legal advice on rye

SUSAN ESTRICH
Duke's hard-to-reach campaign manager

ARTHUR MILLER
Bringing law into our living rooms

ROBERT POPEO
F. Lee Bailey, watch out

BOB WOOLF
Courting deals for sports' biggest names

JUDGE RYA ZOBEL
Federal District Court's keenest mind

Smart Retreats

Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Kennebunkport, Block Island, the Berkshires

Smart Scribes

MARY CATHERINE BATESON
From her mother's shadow, Margaret Mead's daughter emerges as a well-known writer

JAMES CARROLL
From the pulpit to the pulp in style

LESLIE EPSTEIN
King of the Jews *and* Regina, *too*

KATHERINE W. FANNING
The (Christian Science) Monitor *of world events*

ELLEN GOODMAN
A moral conscience for us all

GEORGE V. HIGGINS
His Lit'ry Life *columns are sorely missed*

JOHN MACK
Novelist, activist and shrink too

SUE MILLER
With The Good Mother, *she is living every first-time novelist's dream*

WILLIAM NOVAK
The most visible ghost writer

ROBERT PARKER
The series may be cancelled, but Spenser lives

JAYNE ANNE PHILLIPS
Boston's Flannery O'Connor

JOHN UPDIKE
The sage of Beverly Farms

HELEN VENDLER
A verse-atile critic and poet

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Dr. John Mack
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Dear Dr. Mack:

Congratulations! You are now a member of Boston's Smart Set. Bostonia is celebrating its Second Anniversary with a look at the smartest people in town. The September/October issue of **Bostonia: The Magazine of Culture and Ideas** features an article on Boston's Smart Set - smart comebacks, smart alecks, smart moves and more. You were nominated to be on the list.

The nomination process was informal and lighthearted -- we simply asked 10 smart people -- business professionals, doctors, lawyers, artists, journalists and academicians to name three people they thought were smart. We then asked those 30 to name three more and continued the quest by speaking with at least 200 Bostonians. In fact, you may have been one of the people we spoke with during the process.

Our definition of smart was straightforward. We were looking for people who were intelligent and had the skills to make an impact on the way we understand the world. You were chosen not only for the way that you think, but for your ability to influence the ways others think.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to a celebration in your honor on September 19, 1988. Further details and a formal invitation will be forthcoming. I hope that you will be able to attend the celebration and look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Sincerely,

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