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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Duke University Board of Trustees

From: Nannerl O. Keohane

Subject: Summary of Activities

As we approach the end of the academic year, I am pleased to share with you this report on some of the honors, activities, and events involving Duke faculty, students, staff, and alumni since the Board's meeting in February.

TERRY SANFORD

As Bill Friday said upon learning the news of Terry Sanford's death, we are seeing "the end of an era." It is difficult to put into simple words the singular contributions that Terry made not only to Duke and to generations of our students, but also to the State of North Carolina and the nation. Those of you who attended the memorial service in Duke Chapel heard some of the most eloquent, at times humorous (Terry would have appreciated that), and moving testimonials that one could possibly imagine. Mary Semans, Terry's colleague in good deeds for some five decades, and Dan Blue, the first African American hired by Terry's law firm, who entered his distinguished career in public service as a result of his association with Terry, were among those who spoke at the funeral service. Copies of their remarks, as well as those of the other speakers, including Provost Emeritus Thomas Langford, who gave the homily, are enclosed.

I was particularly pleased, as I know Margaret Rose, Terry Jr., and Betsee were, that so many Trustees Emeriti were able to join us, along with some 20 U.S. senators and members of the Congress, Governor Hunt, and more than 1,700 others who attended the service. The outpouring of affection, both at the funeral itself and during the previous day, when thousands came to the Chapel as the casket lay in state, reflects the widespread appreciation of the vision, the sense of decency, and the ability both to generate great ideas and to implement them, that Terry combined in his own unique fashion.

Terry Sanford truly had "outrageous ambitions" for Duke, and no one worked harder to make those ambitions real than he did. I have been struck by the number of programs and academic initiatives that were launched during his presidency which today are recognized among the nation's best: the Institute of Public Policy, which bears his name, The Fuqua School of Business, the Institute for Statistics and Decision Sciences, our Institute of the Arts, the Talent Identification Program, the Mary Lou Williams Center, and many more. Terry clearly believed that the students, particularly undergraduate students, are the *raison d'etre* of the university. And that, of course, showed in so many ways, including student and young trustee involvement in the affairs of the Trustees. But he also cared deeply about employees. He would have been particularly proud of the effort of employees at all levels across the campus that made this final event in his honor a fitting tribute. Pelham Wilder, Tom Langford, Will Willimon, Joel Fleishman, and the others involved in planning the service, did a wonderful job. So did countless others, from the Duke Police to the facilities and parking staffs, including our News Service (which arranged for live statewide broadcast of the service). Everyone pulled together in true teamwork, and that was crucial to the success of this special tribute to our state's "first citizen."

Duke also suffered two other important losses this spring, Wilson Weldon and Bud Schaefer. Wilson, a graduate of the Duke Divinity School, held several pastoral positions in North Carolina. Appropriate to his calling, Wilson was a true person of faith. He was particularly active in the affairs of our Divinity School, and

served as a member of the Trustees from 1968-1981, a critical period in the emergence of Duke as a university of national stature. He brought a love of people and a strong ethical approach to all he did. Terry, Keith Brodie, and I benefitted greatly from his quiet leadership and wise counsel.

And, as you know, our colleague Bud Schaefer, whose tenure as a trustee overlapped with three Duke presidents, passed away within a few days of Terry. Few people cared as much for this institution and gave of themselves as unstintingly for it as Bud. His long-time chairmanship of the Building and Grounds Committee and his generosity in providing the principal support for the Schaefer Residence Hall are but a few aspects of his leadership at Duke. No task was too small, no request too unimportant when it came to his beloved Duke. I'm confident I speak for all members of the Board when I express our deep appreciation for all Wilson and Bud did to make this university the very special institution it is.

CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING

Terry, Wilson, and Bud would all have been pleased by at least one component of the recently published report by the Carnegie Foundation on the Advancement of Teaching, which was generally critical of America's research universities for giving short shrift to the quality of education offered to undergraduates. I was gratified that Duke was singled out in the Carnegie Foundation report for the university's commitment to undergraduates, and particularly for the strength of our FOCUS program, which now enrolls some 430 students in the freshman year, in courses built around 13 topics and themes. In the packet of news clips enclosed with the Secretary's mailing, you will find articles about the Carnegie Report from *The New York Times* and Durham's *Herald-Sun*, each of which highlights Duke's success with the FOCUS program.

The Trustees' farsighted support for our innovative two-tiered tuition programs (the Koskinen Plan), which enabled us to fund expansion of the FOCUS program, the success of our all-freshman East Campus and the Bass Fellows program, are continuing to attract national attention to Duke as a leader among the nation's research universities in the priority we give to teaching and undergraduate education. While we can take justifiable pride in this recognition, we know there are areas in which we need to make improvement. Indeed, it is clear that we need to make major strides in improving our freshman writing program. With the support of the two-tiered tuition increase you approved in February, we will be able to take the next important steps to expand the FOCUS program and to strengthen the array of opportunities for undergraduate research and other capstone programs for seniors that are called for in the Carnegie Commission report.

We are also moving forward in two other areas to strengthen the quality of the undergraduate experience. A committee of the Arts & Sciences Council, chaired by political science professor Peter Lange, has been working for the past year on an assessment of our undergraduate curriculum. The committee's work is most promising and, over the summer and next fall, there will be widespread consultation about the proposal. I expect it will be discussed next fall with the Academic Affairs Committee.

The Trustees have given a great deal of attention over the past year to the work of the upperclass residential life task force chaired by Deans Barbara Baker and Robert Thompson. I had an opportunity to review this report and current thinking of the senior officers with the Executive Committee of the Trustees last month. We will be discussing this again at our May meeting, but I want you to know where we stand in anticipation of that discussion.

As you know, much of the discussion about West Campus has revolved around the question of whether we will continue to offer selective/elective housing in the future. The task force concluded that Duke's tradition of offering selective and theme housing on West Campus has been and should continue to be an important component of the upperclass residential life experience at Duke. The senior officers and I support that position,

and I have reaffirmed the university's commitment to having selective and elective housing on campus, including fraternities, nonfraternal selectives, and theme houses in my communications with student leaders and others concerned with this issue.

The committee also recommended the construction of a major new residential facility on West Campus. This proposal requires careful study, including a serious feasibility study of its costs and space implications, etc. I have asked Executive Vice President Tallman Trask to develop such a study, which we will discuss with you as part of our planning for residential life. Assuming the Trustees authorize us to proceed with the study, we hope to have its results available for consultation on campus in the fall semester and for discussion with the Trustees in December. Should we recommend the construction of a new residential complex, and the Trustees accept that recommendation, we hope that the new facility could be available by Fall 2001.

Finally, I have asked Provost John Strohbehn and Vice President Janet Dickerson to conduct reviews of the programmatic implications of the task force's recommendations, including financial aid, pricing structures, equity, and diversity. These reviews will involve appropriate faculty and student governance representatives.

DURHAM REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

I know the Trustees are encouraged by the decision of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and the board of the Durham Hospital Corporation to support Durham Regional Hospital joining a partnership with the Duke University Health System. While there are a number of details still to be worked out, the general parameters of the agreement are now clear. This happy result -- both for Durham Regional and Duke University Medical Center, and most importantly for the people of Durham -- reflects an extraordinary amount of work by Chancellor for Health Affairs Ralph Snyderman, Vice Chancellors Jean Spaulding and Bill Donelan, Hospital CEO Mike Israel, and countless others who worked painstakingly to develop our proposal. As one would expect, the county commissioners conducted a very thorough due diligence effort in determining which of the potential partners Durham Regional would join. They did their job well. I met personally with each of the commissioners to assure them that the university stood behind the Medical Center's commitments. I want to thank the many Trustees who worked with Ralph on this, and particularly Ernie Mario and Randy Tobias. Enclosed with this report is a letter Randy wrote to each of the commissioners and Chairman George Quick of the Hospital Corporation's board of directors to assure them of the Trustees' commitment to make this crucial partnership work for the health care of our community.

MAJOR GIFTS

Central to the Duke undergraduate experience is our commitment to a need-blind admissions policy and strong financial aid programs, to ensure that the brightest students, regardless of their financial circumstances, can attend Duke. Thus, the announcement on April 2 that The Duke Endowment is donating \$30 million to the university to strengthen our financial aid programs for undergraduates, particularly students from the Carolinas, and for graduate and professional students, is profoundly significant. The press conference involving Duke Endowment Chair Mary Semans, President Betsy Locke, and Chair of the Endowment's Education Committee Juanita Kreps, enabled us to draw appropriate attention to the unique partnership between the Duke Endowment and the university and our mutual commitment to this core value of the institution.

We have pledged to match the Endowment's gift by raising an additional \$23 million in endowment over the next five years, as part of our larger campaign priority. This will enable us not only to strengthen the A. B. Duke and James B. Duke merit scholarships, but to expand our outreach, particularly to North and South Carolina. I commend to you an interesting article in the news clips with this mailing from *The Charlotte Observer*, which profiles Duke's admissions policies and practices and focuses on four outstanding young

students from the Carolinas who applied to Duke this year. It is clear from the comments of two of these students that the availability of financial aid is a principal factor in their choice about attending Duke. During our meeting, Provost Strohbahn will give a status report on the results of the admissions process for Fall 1998. We anticipate some very encouraging results.

We also were very pleased to announce this past week that Trustee Emeritus J. B. Fuqua is giving \$20 million to develop continued excellence in teaching and academic programs at The Fuqua School of Business. This gift brings J. B.'s cumulative support to Duke to more than \$37 million and establishes him as the university's second largest individual donor after J. B. Duke himself. J. B. Fuqua is a remarkable man, whose generosity almost 20 years ago transformed Duke's fledgling business school into what is now recognized as one of the top business schools in the country. His latest gift will transform the school once again by helping train leaders for the global economy of the next century. J. B. has always taken the long view of education, wisely believing that it is both an investment in the future and a good business decision. Half of the \$20 million gift will go to establish a fund for endowed professorships at Duke, one of our highest priorities. The balance will be divided equally between global programs and initiatives aimed at enhancing the global orientation of Fuqua's curriculum and endowment funding for general discretionary purposes.

Two other gifts warrant special mention. With \$1.5 million in gifts from Glaxo Wellcome Inc. and the Glaxo Wellcome Foundation, the medical center has established the Glaxo Wellcome professorship of pharmacology and cancer biology. Anthony Means, chairman of the department of pharmacology and cancer, said the professorship gives the medical center an opportunity to recruit a preeminent senior scientist who applies modern techniques to the detection, prevention or cure of cancer. And thanks to a \$300,000 gift from the Kresge Foundation, as well as support from many women's studies alumnae, Duke has established the first endowed director's position of a women's studies program in the United States. Professor Jean O'Barr, who has directed Duke's women's studies program since its inception in 1983, is the first holder of the Margaret Taylor Smith directorship, named for a 1947 graduate of the Women's College and recently retired chair of the Kresge Foundation Board of Trustees. Margaret Taylor Smith has been an active and loyal alumna serving in a variety of leadership roles at Duke, including chairing the Board of Visitors of Trinity College.

RESEARCH

This past week Duke Professors of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy Richard Kay and Matt Cartmill reported they had found evidence suggesting that vocal capabilities may have evolved among species of homo sapiens more than 400,000 years ago. By then, the researchers say, the necessary complement of nerves leading to the muscles of the tongue may have developed to such a degree that our human ancestors would have been capable of forming speech sounds. The extinction of Neanderthals some 30,000 years ago has been attributed in part to speech deficiencies, restricting their ability for cultural innovation. This latest discovery by Professors Kay and Cartmill, with the assistance of a former graduate student, Michelle Balow, is an important contribution to our understanding of one of the most important behavioral attributes that distinguishes human beings. This pathbreaking research has been funded by the Duke University Research Council and the LSB Leakey Fund.

Medical Center researchers continue to produce results that expand our ability to fight disease and improve human health. Medical geneticist Dr. Andrea Amalfitano and his colleagues have created what might be called a biological stealth fighter that evades the body's radar system and delivers genes to the right place more reliably than current gene therapy delivery vehicles in experimental tests. They believe the new system will solve several problems that have plagued early attempts to use genes to treat disease. Researchers worldwide are developing hundreds of gene-based therapies, but the vehicles needed to deliver them to the body haven't kept pace. Amalfitano and his associates have created a delivery vehicle that evades immune system detection and as a consequence, allows therapeutic genes to stay functional in cells more than twice as long as conventional methods. The research, reported in the February issue of *The Journal of Virology*, was supported by the Howard

Hughes Medical Institute's Research Resources Program for Medical Schools and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

A team of researchers from Duke and the Durham VA Medical Center reported last month that a growing body of evidence shows that just one alcoholic drink can impair learning and memory in both young animals and young humans, but has no memory effect on adults. Lead investigator, neuropsychologist Scott Swartzwelder, and coworkers have offered the first scientific evidence that alcohol has a markedly different effect depending on the age of the drinker. In addition, they said their studies provide the first hard evidence to support a ban on under-age drinking, which up until now has been based on moral, political or religious reasons. The work was supported by the Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation, the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Another team of Medical Center researchers has taken a promising step forward in the laboratory in demonstrating that a person's own immune system may be the best weapon to fight cancer. The research is led by Eli Gilboa, research director of the Center for Genetic and Cellular Therapies, and is supported by the National Institutes of Health and the CapCure Foundation. The scientists are testing an unusual form of gene therapy. Its ultimate goal is to wipe out cancer cells and then keep the body protected from new cancer growth. Although much work remains to be completed before such an agent could be available, the potential therapy, which is being tested in cancer patients, requires just a sample of blood to extract white immune cells and a few cancer cells from which to distill the genetic material RNA. Mixed together, the tumor RNA produces everything the immune system needs to launch an attack on the cancer. Laboratory proof of the cancer vaccine concept was published in the April issue of *Nature Biotechnology*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

The Thomas F. Keller Distinguished Business Leadership Awards this year went to two truly worthy recipients, Trustees John Mack and Gary Wilson. (Gary, who was a student of Tom Keller's, was last year's recipient but couldn't make the 1997 awards ceremony.) It is especially fitting that these two Trustees, who have provided leadership to Duke in so many ways, were recognized not only for their accomplishments in business, but for years of service and dedication as members of the Fuqua School's Board of Visitors.

One of the academic areas that Duke targeted for investment over the past decade has been mathematics and decision sciences. The results have been impressive. The latest evidence is in the success of Duke students in national and international mathematics competitions. A research paper by three undergraduates who studied methods to address grade inflation was selected as best in the 14th annual Mathematical Contest in Modeling, an event that pitted their paper against about 470 others from around the world. Team captain W. Garrett Mitchener, a junior, sophomore Jeffrey Mermin, and freshman John Thacker will travel to Toronto in July to present their 29-page analysis at Mathfest 98, a Mathematics Association of America conference. This is Duke's best finish ever in the mathematical modeling contest, which ranks in prestige second only to the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition. Duke placed second to perennial favorite Harvard in the latest Putnam competition. Duke won the Putnam in 1996 and 1993.

I'm very pleased to report that of the 75 students from across the nation selected to receive Truman Scholarships this year, three are from Duke. They are Trinity College students Tico A. Almeida of Waunakee, Wisconsin; Benjamin B. Au of Columbia, South Carolina; and Lori A. Fixley of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Trumans recognize academic achievements, leadership potential and commitment to a career in public service. They provide up to \$3,000 for a student's senior year and up to \$27,000 for graduate study. Almeida, a public policy major, plans to pursue a joint degree in law and public policy after graduation. He is a founder, along with Benjamin Au, of Students Against Sweatshops, an organization that has been instrumental in developing Duke's Code of Conduct opposing sweatshop conditions in the garment industry. He is also president of the Duke

University Mock Trial Team. This summer he plans to work in the legislative office of UNITE, the Union of Needle Trade, Industrial and Textile Employees.

Au, a public policy studies major and B. N. Duke Scholar, plans to pursue a masters in public policy with a concentration in not-for-profit and philanthropic management, with a special emphasis on how such organizations can help public schools. At Duke, he has been active in a number of organizations and has served as president of the Public Policy Majors Union and was president and captain of Duke Cycling.

Fixley is completing two majors in biology and religion, and intends to pursue graduate work in law and public health for a career in public health advocacy, with a focus on issues relating to women and children. Two summers ago, she had an internship with the American Heart Association where she lobbied the Congress on legislation to regulate tobacco products. At Duke, she has been active in DSG and has volunteered at a Durham retirement community.

William Meyer, assistant clinical professor in the OB department and director of training in the department of social work, is this year's winner of the Brandy McDaniel Social Worker of the Year Award. Meyer founded Duke's prominent postpartum support program for new mothers. The award is given annually by a committee of social workers at Duke to a colleague who has a record of excellent performance, has developed innovative programs for patients, has been an advocate for patients, and has promoted the field of social work.

One of the programs Terry Sanford initiated was an awards program for Duke employees. We are fortunate to have at Duke employees in every office and every program who provide daily support for the work of our faculty and students that make what they do both possible and productive. This year's Presidential Awards went to Robert Bolden, a dedicated employee in our Sanitation Division, Rudolph Holmes Jr., an 18-year Duke employee who works as a radiation therapy technologist in radiation oncology, and Thelma Jernigan, a staff assistant in the Nicholas School of the Environment. These three superb employees were among more than 70 people recognized for extraordinary effort and service to the university. Colleagues nominate employees in the category of professional/technical, office/clerical and service/skilled crafts.

CODE OF CONDUCT

There has been widespread national media coverage and considerable praise for Duke's having established a Code of Conduct to assure that products bearing Duke University trademarks are manufactured under healthy, safe and fair working conditions. The action has received a lot of national interest, and other universities are considering, or have recently taken, similar action. Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman praised Duke's effort, calling the university "the national slam-dunk champ in the fight against sweatshop labor." Jim Wilkerson, our director of trademark licensing and stores operations, working closely with a group of students, wrote the Code of Conduct by combining segments of various codes that had previously been completed by Notre Dame, Nike, the Apparel Industry Partnership, the National Basketball Association and the U.S. Department of Labor. The new Duke Code includes an initiative to help former child laborers go back to school and requires independent monitoring of factories and publication of the results of factory monitoring to ensure the code is being observed in practice. We are aware that for this effort to be truly effective, a monitoring process will have to be established that includes many institutions, and Wilkerson and others are working to develop such a process.

COMMUNITY ISSUES

As shown in the latest issue of *The Duke Community Reporter*, which is in the packet of materials distributed for this meeting, our Neighborhood Partnership Initiative with 12 neighborhoods near the campus and the seven schools that serve them, continues to go well. A group of Duke University retirees has launched a broadly based

volunteer program in Durham's Lakewood Elementary School, one of the seven public schools near Duke that are the focus of the university's neighborhood partnership initiative. Some 35 retirees from units across the campus are currently involved with the new retirees' program. With just a couple of months of service to their credit, the group is generating great enthusiasm for their program, both within its membership and at the school. Bill Griffith, vice president emeritus for student affairs, has coordinated the effort with support from Duke's Office of Community Affairs during its organizational period. The Duke retirees have organized themselves under the guidance of the National Retiree Volunteer Coalition, a Minneapolis group that has helped develop more than 80 employer-based volunteer service programs throughout the United States. The Duke Endowment also provided initial support to help launch the program.

In cooperation with residents of the neighborhoods of Southwest Central Durham, Duke is ready to launch a new mentoring and summer internship program for teens who live in the area neighborhoods. Director of Community Affairs Sandy Ogburn reports that 15 youths, ages 14 to 16, have been admitted to the Duke/Durham Partners for Youth program. The partnership, which has both a paid job component and a learning component, is designed to help teens explore career opportunities and plan for their future. Several of the students will work at Duke as well as other area businesses this summer. The program will continue through the year with weekend programs for the youth. Dr. Bob Froh, of Clint Davidson's staff, has helped develop appropriate evaluation criteria for this effort so we can test the impact of the program on the students.

In cooperation with the principals and teachers at E.K. Powe and George Watts Elementary Schools, we also plan to launch this summer a six-week enrichment program for 34 children who will start kindergarten this fall. The program, called STARS!, has been developed with the help of the Consortium for Human Resource Development, an affiliate agency of the Durham Public Education Network. Research has shown that pre-K enrichment programs can significantly improve the performance of students in their first year of school, helping them establish a firmer foundation for success in subsequent years. Professors Jan Riggsbee and David Malone of our Program in Education have helped develop the program. If appropriate funding can be found, we hope to extend the program in future years to each of the five elementary schools with which we have partnerships.

FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND FINANCIAL AID

We continue to monitor closely the progress of funding bills and other legislation in Washington. This year the Higher Education Act is up for reauthorization. This is the legislation which funds most federal financial aid programs. No basic changes are anticipated to the core programs, and it appears that Pell Grants for the most needy students are likely to be increased.

Of particular concern, however, is an amendment initiated by Rep. Frank Riggs of California in effect making Proposition 209 in California the law of the land. This would eliminate the ability of both public and private institutions to set our own standards and policies for admissions. Enclosed with my report is a letter I have sent to members of the North Carolina delegation urging them to oppose this amendment. President Clinton has indicated that if the amendment is attached to the Higher Education Act, he will veto the bill.

Last month, several colleagues and I met with House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich of Ohio. I was encouraged by his report that funding for the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health is likely to increase significantly this year, although not to the levels that many people thought might be possible at the beginning of the 105th Congress. Chairman Kasich raised a number of questions about college costs, and I was pleased to be able to describe to him the various financial aid programs and management steps we have taken in recent years to invest our scarce resources wisely and strengthen the quality of academic programs we offer our students. I have shared with the congressman the lengthy article from last spring in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* which did an in-depth evaluation of Duke's tuition policies and practices. I have invited Kasich to visit the campus to see first-hand the various research programs funded at Duke with help from the government, and the fine programs we provide for undergraduates, which are made possible because

of our tuition and generous financial aid policies.

MAJOR SPEAKERS

This spring we have hosted a number of national and international scholars, performance groups, public officials, and business leaders. A list of such visitors would fill several pages, but I thought I might highlight a few of them:

Marvin Kalb, director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard, delivered the James D. Ewing Lecture on Ethics in Journalism last month. Kalb had a distinguished 30-year career as chief diplomatic correspondent for CBS News and NBC News and as moderator of "Meet the Press."

Featured speakers at this year's Zeidman Colloquium at the Sanford Institute included Bob Zelnick, former Pentagon correspondent for ABC News, who discussed "Media and National Security;" Ben Goddard of the political advertising firm of Goddard * Clausen/ First Tuesday, who created the "Harry and Louise" ads during the debate a few years ago over health care reform; and Don Baer, former communications director for President Clinton.

Robert Bellah, author of *Habits of the Heart* and *The Good Society*, delivered the 1998 Kenan Distinguished Lecture on April 7. He also led two informal seminars with students and faculty the next day. The lecture was referenced in a nationally syndicated column by Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post* writer William Raspberry who, as you know, is the Knight Professor of the Practice of Communications and Journalism.

James A. Joseph, the U.S. ambassador to South Africa, delivered the Hart Leadership Distinguished Lecture this past month at the Sanford Institute, discussing the future of democracy in South Africa. Joseph has served four U.S. presidents and has had a distinguished career in business and philanthropy as the former director of the Council on Foundations. The Joseph visit, which Trustee Susan King was instrumental in arranging, was supported by The Coca-Cola Company, which is an active investor in South Africa. His two-day visit included a wonderful dinner at the Washington Duke Inn, attended by a broad cross-section of the leadership of the Triangle.

Raymond A.J. Chrétien, Canada's ambassador to the United States, made his first official visit to North Carolina and to our campus. Chrétien was at Duke in March to participate in the 25th anniversary of Canadian studies at the university. He brought with him a \$50,000 gift from the people of Canada to support our program. And last month, Gordon Giffin, the U.S. Ambassador to Canada and a 1971 Duke graduate, visited the campus. Last week's *Dialogue* (May 1) has an excellent interview with Giffin in which he praises our Canadian Studies program as the "most prominent and highly regarded" of the 50 Canadian Studies programs at American universities.

Emilie M. Townes, one of a growing number of "womanist" theologians in the United States who studies race, gender and class issues in relation to African American women, was the featured speaker for this year's Duke Divinity School's Martin Luther King, Jr. Lectures. Townes is an associate professor of Christian social ethics and black church ministries at Saint Paul School of Theology.

Jody Williams, the 1997 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for her leadership of efforts to ban landmines, will deliver the Crown Lecture in Ethics next month, as part of a conference sponsored by Duke's School of Engineering and the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy. The conference, "U.S. Policy on Demining Technology and the Ottawa Treaty," will focus on the technical, financial, and political factors which limit removal of landmines, the role of advancing technology in formulating long-range landmine policy, and the development of plans for mine removal in three representative countries (Bosnia, Cambodia, and Mozambique).

IN OTHER NEWS

Church History, the quarterly journal of The American Society of Church History, has officially moved its editorial offices to Duke with the publication of the March issue. New co-editors of the journal are Grant Wacker, associate professor of the history of religion in America at the Divinity School, Elizabeth A. Clark, John Carlisle Kilgo professor in the department of religion, Hans J. Hillerbrand, professor in the department of religion, and Richard Heitzenrater, the William Kellon Quick Professor of Church History and Wesley Studies.

Our campus radio station, WXDU (88.7 FM), has a new 200-foot-tall antenna; the station can now be heard in Durham, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough. The station had been broadcasting with a makeshift antenna, and at a fraction of its signal capacity, since Hurricane Fran ripped through the Triangle in September of 1996 and destroyed the existing tower.

In a first-time collaboration, Duke University Medical Center and the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health will team up to train medical students and clinical fellows at the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, in clinical research beginning in September. Those who complete the distance learning program -- NIH's first to be tied to a graduate degree -- will earn a Master of Health Sciences in Clinical Research from Duke University School of Medicine. The collaboration stemmed from an initiative by the NIH to encourage promising medical students and trainees to pursue careers in clinical research. The NIH wanted an academic partner with an established track record in training clinical researchers and it chose Duke's Clinical Research Training Program.

I hope you find this summary to be useful in your appreciation of the interesting and important work in which our faculty and students are engaged. As always, I welcome your comments or questions.

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