

May 4, 1999

## **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 and the Trustees' spring meeting, 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 Trustees' meeting in February.

### **COMMENCEMENT**

The Duke Gardens are in bloom, the frisbees are flying on the quads, and the campus is looking as beautiful as ever. Thanks to the efforts of Joe Jackson, assistant director for the grounds services units, and the many people in our grounds department who help make Duke such a beautiful campus, and all those in University Marshal Pelham Wilder's office who plan the intricate events, we are once again ready for the academic rites of spring to get underway. On Sunday, May 16, ABC News' chief congressional analyst Cokie Roberts will deliver the commencement address as we celebrate with their families the successful conclusion of the academic careers at Duke of nearly 1,460 undergraduate students and more than 1,350 graduate and professional students. The May 7 and May 14 issues of *Dialogue* will highlight some of our most outstanding seniors and the honors they have received, and I commend this to your attention.

We will award four honorary degrees during the commencement exercise to President Emil Constantinescu of Romania; Cokie Roberts; jazz musician Sonny Rollins; and Carolyn Heilbrun, a Columbia University professor emerita and a leading feminist literary scholar. A fifth honorary degree of law will be presented posthumously to George Autry, the founder of MDC (Manpower Development Corp.) who passed away on April 25. A graduate of Duke University and Duke Law School, George Autry saw education and job training as vital to the South's future in a global economy. During his tenure, MDC produced reports that led Southern policy makers to prepare for the end of low-pay, low-skill industries. His work was instrumental in reshaping the region's thinking about its economic and social future and its commitment to education. Indeed, he was as responsible as anyone for fine-tuning the community college system to help meet North Carolina's growing demand for skilled workers. It was fitting that his funeral service, held in Duke Chapel last week, brought leaders from across the state and the Southeast to pay tribute to this remarkable man.

As always, we have a full agenda for our meeting. And on Friday evening, we will have an opportunity to thank Susan Timberlake, Shavar Jeffries and Michelle Farquhar, and long-time Trustees Julie Esrey and Herman Postma, who will be leaving the Board at the end of June.

### **SPRING REUNIONS**

While we are very proud of the accomplishments of our current graduates, we are equally proud of the accomplishments of their predecessors. Some 3,334 of them and their guests returned to campus the weekend of

April 16-18 for the first spring reunion in 15 years -- the second highest total ever for a reunion season. As you know, reunions for Trinity College and school of engineering graduates have been held in the fall over three weekends since 1985. Previously, reunions were held over commencement weekend and, later, in June, so this was the first general reunion held while classes were still in session. Alumni Affairs director Laney Funderburk and his staff did a wonderful job, and by all accounts, the return to Spring Reunions was spectacularly successful. It was truly a gala weekend with huge white tents on both East and West campuses serving as headquarters for the 10 classes holding special reunions, along with our Half Century Club. I had the opportunity to meet with many alumni during the weekend, and I came away -- as I always do from these conversations -- impressed by their enthusiasm for Duke and their interest in what's happening on campus.

## **ATHLETICS**

The reunion weekend events began Friday with a panel discussion at Baldwin Auditorium on "The Changing Nature of Intercollegiate Athletics." The discussion could not have come at a more appropriate time or at a more appropriate location. This has been an incredible year for Duke athletics. As you know, both our women's and men's basketball teams reached the NCAA championship game, the first time any university has ever accomplished that. And I am equally certain that no university president or athletic director logged as many miles supporting the teams as Joe Alleva and I did! Though we are disappointed that both teams came up short in their championship games, we couldn't be more proud of the players' effort during the game and the way they represented the university throughout this remarkable year. That, of course, is a real tribute to the leadership of Gail Goestenkors and Mike Krzyzewski. Both the coaches and players have been wonderful ambassadors for Duke. While the accomplishments in Cameron were clearly a team effort, it is worth noting that Elton Brand won virtually every award as the outstanding men's player in the country; Trajan Langdon and Michele VanGorp garnered All-American status; and Shane Battier was voted the top defensive player in the nation. Still, our joy in the season was tempered at the end with sadness at the early departure to the NBA of both Brand and William Avery, and the decision by Chris Burgess to transfer to another school.

As of this writing, there is good reason to believe that Duke could end up with at least one national champion this year. Both the women's and men's tennis teams went undefeated in ACC play, won their respective ACC tournaments and are expected to challenge for national titles. Women's golf, which has been ranked No. 1 in the country all season, is among the favorites for the national championship. And men's lacrosse, which has 13 seniors on its team and is ranked No. 3 in the nation, gives us reason to hope this will be a breakthrough year. One of the more remarkable stories involves the women's lacrosse team, which in only its fourth year as a varsity sport has been ranked in the Top 5 all season.

So this has been a banner year for Duke athletes, and I'm pleased that at our upcoming meeting we will have an opportunity to get an update on the status of Duke athletics from Joe Alleva.

## **MAJOR APPOINTMENTS**

As you will know from my earlier communication with you, the appointment of long-time Duke faculty member and chair of the Department of Political Science Peter Lange to succeed Provost John Strohbehn when John steps down on June 20 was approved by the Executive Committee on April 21. I have invited Peter to attend the Trustees Emeriti luncheon on Friday and to join us on Saturday morning so that all of you will have a chance to meet him.

I am grateful for the good work Paul Hardin and Bob Richardson did as members of the search committee that was ably chaired by Professor of Biological Anthropology and Anatomy Kathleen Smith. Peter has considerable knowledge of the provost's responsibilities, having served earlier as vice provost for academic and international affairs, where he provided skillful leadership in the early stages of our current focus on internationalization. He also played a critical role in the planning process that produced the

long-range plan that you adopted five years ago, and this year he chaired the committee that crafted the new Curriculum 2000. Peter has been at Duke since 1981 and knows well our strengths and deficiencies. This is a critical time in our university's history, and I'm confident Peter will help guide us in the development of a strategic academic plan to take advantage of our opportunities as we enter the new millennium.

One of those opportunities is the reorganization of the English department in the wake of the outside review committee report last spring.

We announced on April 20 that Professor Maureen Quilligan, a prominent Renaissance scholar at the University of Pennsylvania, has accepted our offer to become chair of the department. As Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Bill Chafe said in announcing her appointment, Professor Quilligan is a world-class scholar whose decision to join the Duke faculty is one more positive and critical step toward reinforcing our role as a leader in the humanities. Her appointment to Duke follows by a month the announcement that one of the nation's leading African-American studies scholars, Houston A. Baker Jr., professor of English and director of Afro-American studies at Penn, will join the Duke English department in September. His wife, linguist Charlotte Pierce-Baker, will be an associate research professor and teach in the university's women's studies and African-American studies programs. The department has also extended offers to five leading scholars from across the country.

I want to acknowledge the exceptional work that Dean of Faculty Development in Arts and Sciences Jim Siedow has done during the course of the year in helping bring leadership and positive momentum back to the department. Jim chaired the six-person English Department Executive Committee that has guided these searches and helped turn a very difficult situation around.

## **FACULTY RESEARCH**

In an example of the great breadth of research at Duke, two professors, two Ph.D. candidates, a graduate student and undergraduate student from the university have just completed a month-long expedition that explored a dark, Grand Canyon-sized canyon in the Pacific Ocean bottom off Ecuador to learn more about how new oceanic crust forms along Earth's mid-ocean ridge network. The National Science Foundation-funded mission aboard the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution research vessel *RV Atlantis* was led by Jeffrey Karson, professor and chairman of the Division of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the Nicholas School of the Environment, and co-principal investigator Emily Klein, associate professor at the Nicholas School. The upper rim of Hess Deep is located a mile underwater, and the rift plunges 9,000 feet at its lowest spot. The researchers spent 24 days floating over the Hess Deep study site just north of the equator and diving into it aboard a 23-foot titanium-hulled submarine. Among those studying the now-frozen lava from the submarine Alvin more than a mile deep was Duke senior Aisha Morris, a geology major who someday hopes to go to Mars. Her experience is a fine example of the research opportunities available to undergraduates at Duke. Monte Basgall, of the Office of Research Communications, accompanied the researchers and filed daily dispatches which are still available on the Duke web site <http://www.env.duke.edu/hessdeep.html>.

Scientists from the medical center continue to produce research findings that help us understand the causes of disease and prospects for improved health. Much of the work reported in recent weeks dealt with heart disease

findings reported at the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology. In one study, a team of Duke researchers led by cardiologist Dr. Eric Velazquez found that many heart failure patients with additional heart problems who are routinely considered too sick for bypass surgery or angioplasty may benefit from these procedures after all. While their study involved only 125 patients, Dr. Velazquez and his colleagues believe the results are strong enough to suggest that physicians should not automatically rule out revascularization procedures in these patients. The researchers said a larger prospective study should be conducted to further define which heart failure patients would best benefit and how many more years of life they may gain. The work was supported by the Duke Clinical Research Institute.

Another Duke study reported at the meeting indicated that cardiologists should think twice about prescribing hormone replacement therapy for women who have heart disease. The study is the second in a year that finds an association between new use of hormones in women who have previous heart disease and the occurrence of a second cardiac "event," such as a heart attack or unstable angina. This was not seen in women using such hormones before they developed heart disease. Dr. Karen Alexander of the Duke Clinical Research Institute, which also supported the work, said these studies suggest that hormone therapy is helpful for the hearts of postmenopausal women.

In the largest study of its kind ever undertaken, Duke researchers found that the longer a person used a popular duet of diet drugs known as "fen/phen," the greater the likelihood they could have a heart valve abnormality. The researchers found evidence on a cardiac diagnostic test of mild leakage of blood from the aortic valve in 8.8 percent of 1,163 patients who used fen/phen for three months or more. Cardiologist Dr. Thomas Ryan said the likelihood of developing the leaking valve increased the longer a person took fen/phen. The study was funded by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, makers of the "fen" in fen/phen.

Reporting in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* March 16, Duke researchers said they believe they have answered one of cancer's central enigmas: why some blood vessels are able to grow to, and feed, tumors, while other vessels are not. Dr. Sal Pizzo, chairman of pathology, and Tammy Moser Havener, a pathology research associate, reported the blood protein angiostatin, which is known to stop the growth of new blood vessels to tumors, works by depleting the chemical energy that blood vessel cells need to grow. To do this, angiostatin latches on to and inhibits an enzyme that provides chemical energy for the cell. Without that energy, blood vessels cannot grow to the site of a tumor, and without the nutrient supply in blood, tumors cannot grow larger than a pinhead. The study suggests a possible new route to developing drugs that block the growth of blood vessels to feed tumors. The work was supported by a research grant from Glaxo Wellcome Inc. The Trustees will be pleased to know that Duke holds the patent rights to the discovery.

In another word of caution for those of us who occasionally drink a lot of coffee, Duke researchers reported that people who drink four or five cups of coffee throughout the morning have slightly elevated blood pressure and higher levels of stress hormones all day and into the evening. This, the scientists said, creates a scenario in which the body acts like it is continually under stress. James Lane, associate research professor of psychiatry, reported the findings in March at a meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine. The research was funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

A drug that helps memory and cognition in patients with Alzheimer's disease also seems to improve attention span, communication, behavior and mood in adults with Down Syndrome. A larger, controlled study is underway to confirm the finding. Duke Medical Center researchers, with support from the National Institutes of Health and Pfizer Inc., tried the Alzheimer's drug on individuals with Down Syndrome because they realized both disorders result, in part, from an insufficient supply of a brain neurotransmitter called acetylcholine. Although the study, published in the March 27 issue of *The Lancet*, was conducted with only four patients, the researchers led by pediatric geneticist Priya Kishnani said it may represent a significant advance because no drug now exists that can help both the adaptive and mental impairments associated with Down Syndrome.

In another development with far-reaching potential, anesthesiologist and bioengineer Laura Niklason, using a novel "bioreactor" system that mimics the fetal environment, has used cells taken from adult pigs' arteries to grow blood vessels that look and act like the real thing. Dr. Niklason says that when implanted into the same animals, the arteries functioned much like native vessels. She reported the results of her team's experiments in the April 16 issue of the journal *Science*. While there are many biological and technical hurdles to be overcome before such an approach could be considered for use in humans to treat heart disease, the researchers said this development represents a significant advance in the field of tissue engineering. The work was funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health and one from the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research.

Included with the materials for our meeting is the 1998-99 edition of *Duke Research*, a compendium of articles about research across the university, produced by Dennis Meredith in the Office of Research Communications. *Duke Research* gives one a real sense of the exciting work our faculty and students are doing, and I commend it to you.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Christopher Beasley, a double physics and mathematics major in arts and sciences, has been awarded a coveted Churchill Scholarship to study "string theory" next year at Cambridge University. String theory in physics is a highly promising effort to link theories describing the smallest realm in the universe -- the quantum theory of subatomic particles -- with the general theory of relativity that operates at the largest scale, describing the nature of gravity and its relationship with space and time. Beasley's enthusiasm and talent have already won him a raft of academic awards, including the Duke University Faculty Scholarship, the highest honor given by Duke faculty to undergraduates. He is also an Angier B. Duke Scholar and a member of both the Golden Key National Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa. In his spare time, he plays a bass guitar in a campus blues band or can be found working on Saturday mornings at his volunteer job shelving books and doing odd jobs at the Durham Public Library.

I'm happy to report that two of our students have been selected as national winners of the Truman Scholarship, which recognizes academic accomplishments, leadership potential and commitment to a career in public service. Roberto Gonzalez of Tucson, Arizona, and Julian Harris of Warner Robins, Georgia, were among only 75 students selected nationwide. Roberto is completing two majors at Duke, one in literature and the other in philosophy. His career goals are to work for an advocacy organization for racial justice and ultimately to become a federal judge. Julian, who has been an active leader of the Honor Council during his Duke years, is completing a self-designed curriculum in medical ethics and health policy. He plans to enter a dual degree program that will lead to an M.D. and a master's of public health. His objective is to work for an international health agency such as the World Health Organization. The awards, established by Congress in honor of President Truman, provide up to \$3,000 for a student's senior year and up to \$27,000 for graduate study. In all, 29 Duke students have been named Truman scholars since the first year of the program in 1977.

Duke senior Jeffrey Horwich has been named one of 18 Luce Scholars for 1999-2000. The award from the Henry Luce Foundation provides travel and living expenses for a year-long internship experience in Asia. A public policy studies major and co-founder of DevilNet, Horwich, who is from Polson, Montana, has worked as both a newspaper and television reporter and is interested in pursuing an internship in journalism and will likely be placed in Japan or Singapore. Duke is one of 66 institutions invited by the Luce Foundation annually to nominate two or three students or young alumni for this award. The objective of the program is to increase awareness of Asia among America's future leaders.

Once again, Duke undergraduates scored high in the 59th annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematical

Competition, perhaps the most prestigious math contest in the country. Two Duke undergraduates, sophomore Jonathan (Nathan) Curtis and freshman Kevin Lacker, were named Putnam Fellows for scoring among the top five of the 2,581 contestants from 419 colleges and universities in Canada and the United States. Curtis and Lacker will each receive \$2,500 for their scores in this six-hour event. To put their impressive effort into context, both scored above 100 when the median score was 9 out of 120. Sophomores John Clyde and Carl Miller each earned Honorable Mention for their ranks within the top three percent of these best math students in North America. Andrew Dittmer ranked among the top 100, sophomore Michael Colsher, juniors Sarah Dean and Spencer Shepard each ranked among the top five percent, with senior John Hyde, sophomore Daniel Neill, and junior Jeffrey Mermin among the top eighth. I might note that I had the pleasure of participating in a recent celebration at the math department announcing that Andrew Dittmer's jersey will hang in the department lounge, much like the jerseys of our basketball stars that hang in Cameron. Andrew was a member of both of Duke's Putnam championship teams, and garnered many other top honors in math across his years at Duke.

Holly Chang, a Trinity junior who has made a difference in the lives of residents at the Methodist Retirement Community, and junior Casen Carter, who has worked with pediatric patients and their family members at the Ronald McDonald House, have won Duke's top volunteer awards. They were co-winners of the Lars Lyon Award given annually by the Community Service Center to students who show a strong commitment to community and volunteer service. Deborah Gold, an associate research professor of psychology and an associate professor of sociology, won the faculty award for her work in integrating community service into her classes.

Another student who has made a difference is Tico Almeida, a senior from Waunakee, Wisconsin, and I'm delighted to report that he is one of five students across the nation to win the 1999 Michael Schwerner Activist Award. Tico was cited for his work with Students Against Sweatshops, which he founded in his sophomore year. He worked with our administration to draft a Code of Conduct, which not only set minimum working conditions for manufacturers of Duke-licensed products, but it marked the nation's first university code containing provisions for monitoring manufacturers. The California-based Gleitsman Foundation, which sponsors the award, said Tico and the other four students "best exemplify the brand of grassroots activism and unselfish commitment to social change that the foundation was created to honor."

I am confident Trustees will be pleased to learn that in a fitting memorial to Terry Sanford, President Clinton on April 27 approved the renaming of the federal office building in Raleigh after the late Duke president, senator and governor. Attending the White House signing ceremony were Margaret Rose and their children, Terry Jr. and Betsee.

When Anne and Robert Bass announced their \$10 million challenge gift in 1996, we expected the program would provide an excellent opportunity to recognize outstanding researchers whose work in the classroom was equally excellent. That certainly has been the case. Nine fellows have now been named to five-year appointments, thanks to the generosity of alumni and parents who have matched the Bass challenge. All of the recipients have demonstrated the kind of innovative work in the classroom that bridges the best in research and teaching. John Board Jr., Anne T. and Robert M. Bass associate professor of electrical and computer engineering; Eric Toone, Anne T. and Robert M. Bass associate professor of chemistry, were the first two fellows named. Seven fellows named last fall and recognized at the second annual Bass Fellows dinner in January are Richard Forward, Lee Hill Snowdon professor of zoology; Tod A. Laursen, Mary Milius Yoh and Harold L. Yoh Jr. associate professor of civil and environmental engineering; Stephen Nowicki, Anne T. and Robert M. Bass associate professor of zoology; Arlie O. Petters, William and Sue Gross associate professor of mathematics; Janice A. Radway, Frances Hill Fox professor in humanities; Teresa Maria Vilaros, E. Black Byrne associate professor of romance studies; and Karen Esther Wigen, Jack H. Neely associate professor of history.

## DIVERSITY

We talked last January during the weekend honoring the life and contributions of Martin Luther King Jr. about the need to rededicate ourselves, in our own ways, to the cause he served. The dialogue continued on campus April 9-10 with a conference about how images of race get translated in the United States. The event was titled "Race & Representation: A Millennial Affair." Participants looked at images of blacks found in television and film, broadcast and print media, and the halls of academia. Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison read from her latest work, *Paradise*; nationally syndicated *Washington Post* columnist William Raspberry talked on a panel with ABC News reporter Farai Chideya, NBC News reporter Gwen Ifill, UNC professor Chuck Stone, and *USA Today* columnist DeWayne Wickham; and James B. Duke Professor Emeritus John Hope Franklin recounted the advances of recent decades, noting that the changes have been enormous but not cataclysmic.

Six years after the launching of a strategic initiative to hire black faculty, Provost John Strohbehn reported at the April 22 meeting of the Academic Council that we have made progress in some areas but still lag in others. The numbers of black faculty are higher, and Duke has greatly contributed to a rising pool of minority candidates through graduate student recruitment. Overall, in the past six years black faculty numbers have risen from 36 tenure track faculty to 47. The School of Medicine has done particularly well, with a 45 percent increase, from 20 regular rank black faculty in 1993 to 29. The numbers, however, have changed less in other professional schools. Divinity has three black faculty in regular rank positions, the same number as it did in 1993. Engineering has two regular rank black faculty, whereas in 1993 it had one. And Fuqua has three regular rank black faculty -- two of them tenure track positions. In 1993, the school had one black faculty member. The Nicholas School of the Environment has no black faculty members. Despite the gains we've made, we are not as far ahead as we thought we would be, partly because we lose too many African American faculty members to attractive offers at other schools. So, we are making progress, but we want to do even better, and we're committed to doing that.

## CAMPAIGN FOR DUKE

The Campaign for Duke continues to do extremely well. According to the latest progress report, we are ahead of where we expected to be at this time, both in terms of actual cash received and in the amount pledged toward the overall goal. Let me mention a few of the major gifts since our last meeting.

I'm pleased to report that Duke alumnus Robert P. Gorrell and his wife Sarah of Greensboro are giving \$2.1 million to endow the Gorrell Chair in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Duke's department of psychiatry. The commitment is in honor of Gorrell's 45th Duke class reunion last fall. An earlier endowment established by the Gorrells in 1979 -- the Gorrell Family Psychiatry Research Endowment -- supports research in children's psychiatry. Their daughters, Mary Gorrell Jones and Sally Gorrell Kuratnick, also have contributed to the research endowment. We are very grateful for the generosity and vision of North Carolinians like Bob and Sarah Gorrell. By helping build a strong base of endowed funds at the medical center, they ensure that the extraordinary contributions of academic medicine will continue to benefit the children of this region for many generations to come.

Last week, we announced the largest gift ever to the Duke Law School. The gift, which is also the largest to legal education in North Carolina's history, is from the estate of the late Kathrine R. Everett. \$14 million from the estate is to be divided between Duke and the University of North Carolina law schools. In addition to an exceptional career in her own right, Kathrine's son, Robinson Everett of our Law faculty, former chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, has been one of the most loyal supporters of Duke. With this very generous gift, the Everett family continues its remarkable record of service and leadership to the legal

communities of North Carolina and the nation, and to the citizens of our state and country. The UNC Law School will use the funds toward its current renovation project and for student scholarships and international initiatives. Duke Law School will use the gift to support its Center on Law, Ethics and National Security (LENS) and other future projects.

And in a marvelous tribute to Law School Dean Pam Gann, who will become president of Claremont McKenna College this summer, the Law School has established The Pamela Brooks Gann Chair, which was announced to Pam's astonishment and everyone's delight at the annual Law School Alumni Reunion Banquet. Trustee Lanty Smith and a small group of other law school alumni leaders raised the \$1.5 million to endow the chair in less than a month, a genuine tribute to Pam and all she's done for the Law School, and but the latest evidence of leadership that we've come to associate with Lanty's commitment to the Law School and to Duke.

We will have a report from campaign co-chairman Peter Nicholas and Senior Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Development John Piva at our meeting.

## **CAPITOL HILL VISIT**

John Burness, Paul Vick, and I spent some time on Capitol Hill in March for a luncheon meeting with members of the North Carolina congressional delegation sponsored by Representative David Price and with Senators Helms and Edwards. I was greatly encouraged by the support of our representatives in Washington for a number of the research and financial aid issues we discussed. Several members of our delegation have signed as co-sponsors of legislation that UNC President Molly Broad and I have identified as high priority for our universities, such as ensuring that employer-assisted tuition payments for employees are not taxable to employees. The visits with our senators were also encouraging. Senator Helms has been very supportive on a number of issues of concern to our faculty and students, and our recently elected senator, John Edwards, told me that he hopes to be "the education senator."

The combination of the upcoming presidential election, the war in Kosovo, and caps in discretionary spending as part of the balanced budget amendment, means that we are not likely to see the kinds of increases in support for financial aid programs of importance to our students and their families and for research that we experienced in the last Congress. Nonetheless, there is movement toward increases in the Pell Grant program and for NIH, NSF, and a number of other agencies on which our faculty and graduate students depend. At the same time, we remain concerned that as the Congress continues its plans to adjust the Medicare program, we will see a reduction in reimbursements for teaching hospitals and academic medical centers that depend on those revenues as part of the complex funding formulas that support medical education and research. We are monitoring this situation closely.

## **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

One of our major priorities has been developing partnerships with the 12 neighborhoods near our campus and the seven schools that serve them. Enclosed with this report is a letter from Durham Public Schools Superintendent Ann Denlinger to Senior Vice President for Public Affairs John Burness who directs the Neighborhood Partnership Initiative. It's a wonderful statement about the importance of the work our students, faculty and staff, and retirees are doing to help improve the K-12 education in our community.

While many programs in the Neighborhood Partnership Initiative require careful planning, implementation, and

evaluations, we also are engaged in a number of efforts that require less intellectual commitment and more elbow grease. Let me mention one example. A battalion of midshipmen from the Duke Naval ROTC program spent the better part of a day in March working alongside Lyon Park residents removing several tons of brush, storm-related tree damage, garbage (including an estimated 200 to 250 shopping carts), old washing machines and other debris from a creek running through the neighborhood and empty lots. The Duke Office of Community Affairs helped facilitate the effort. Lyon Park is one of 12 neighborhoods included in the university's Neighborhood Partnership Initiative.

## NOTABLES AT DUKE

Toni Morrison was not the only Nobel Laureate to visit the campus this Spring. In March, Amartya Sen, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge University, and a 1998 Nobel Laureate in economics, spoke on "Human Rights and Consequences." The address was but the latest effort by Duke's Kenan Ethics Program to highlight the importance of ethical issues in contemporary life. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author David Halberstam, *New Yorker* writer and author Philip Gourevitch, and *Foreign Affairs* editor and Pulitzer Prize-winning former newspaper editor and publisher James P. Hoge Jr. were among the journalists and policymakers featured in a wonderful series on "Globalization, Democracy and the News" in March at the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy. The seminars were sponsored by the DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism. The Blackburn Literary Festival is always one of the highlights of the year, and 1999 was no exception. Writer Joyce Carol Oates -- author of novels *Expensive People*, *Wonderland* and *them* -- was among 11 authors on March 26 who read from their published works as well as recently developed material. And on March 30, former vice presidential candidate and the first director of the Peace Corps, Sargent Shriver, spoke at the Fuqua School as part of Fuqua's Distinguished Lecture Series.

The artwork in this year's student-curated exhibition at Duke all comes from Los Angeles and unequivocally reflects the city's image, intertwining, and deconstructing the natural and the artificial, the real and the fake. If the stereotypes about the city are to be believed, nothing less could be expected from the art community of Los Angeles. The exhibition, titled "The Perfect Life: Artifice in L.A. 1999," is on display through June 6 in the Main Gallery of the Museum of Art. The exhibition is the eleventh in an ongoing program that provides educational opportunities for student curators and exposes the Triangle community to the work of established and emerging artists. The students organize the entire exhibit. They develop a theme, select the art, negotiate loans from galleries, produce critical essays, work with the catalog designer, install the show and lecture to the public.

In June, the Duke Museum of Art will host, for the third year, art work by students at the Durham School of the Arts, formerly the Durham Magnet Center for the Visual & Performing Arts. The work of these middle and high school students is exceptional and is another component of Duke's outreach to the public schools under the Neighborhood Partnership Initiative.

## REGIONAL RAIL PLANNING

As we discussed at our February meeting, Duke planners have been discussing with officials of the Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) where to locate a Duke stop on the proposed regional rail line. I have continually stressed to all who have asked me about the issue, including the news media, that Duke is committed to having a stop at Duke; we have been and remain so. The only question is where on the Duke campus that stop will be. For a variety of reasons, Chancellor for Health Affairs Ralph Snyderman and Executive Vice President Tallman

Trask and their planning staffs have been very uncomfortable with the proposed TTA stop in front of the hospital; according to TTA's plan, this would require a raised station that would cost an additional several million dollars and ensure that the continuing line to Chapel Hill would require a raised train line down Erwin Road. It would also lock the next phase of the system into regional rail when there are serious questions about whether regional rail exclusively -- as opposed to bus or fixed guideways -- wouldn't make as much or more sense on its way to Chapel Hill in Phase 2 of the proposed system. This is a serious concern as well for leaders at UNC-Chapel Hill and the mayor of Chapel Hill.

The alternative Tallman Trask proposed to TTA officials would place the station right off Route 147, so that people coming off I-85 or elsewhere to the area could easily access the system and the campus. We are committed to providing an ongoing shuttle service to the campus, including the Hospital, but also the many clinics and other spots within Duke, such as Cameron Indoor Stadium, Duke Gardens, etc. TTA planners, for understandable reasons, focus on Duke Hospital, but there are multiple points at Duke that we need to be sure can be appropriately accessed by the new system. Thus, we have committed to invest in providing a timely and regular link to the Hospital and other campus sites.

Interestingly, in the most recent meeting between Tallman and TTA officials, they acknowledged that on additional reflection, the site TTA had proposed in front of the Hospital would not work very well and made assumptions about Phase 2 of the system toward Chapel Hill that were probably not viable. Nonetheless, they also reported that the N.C. Department of Transportation had told TTA that because of a prohibition of running a road off an exit ramp, the site we had proposed would not work. The issue is further complicated by news that the City of Durham is having difficulty reaching agreement on where a downtown site should be, the location of which could influence the viability of alternative sites we and TTA are looking at.

We continue to believe that a Duke stop, preferably near the Hospital, is important to the success of the regional rail system, and that it should be situated along the existing Southern Railway line which runs along Main Street out to Fulton Street. Tallman is continuing to talk with TTA officials in hopes of identifying a site that can work not only as the end of Phase 1, but as a means to link Duke with Chapel Hill in Phase 2 of the project. In this, we have strong support from a number of county and city officials as well as those in Chapel Hill who share our commitment to a regional transportation system.

I hope that through this brief glimpse of selected highlights you will get a continuing sense of the impressive variety of interesting and important work and activities in which our faculty and students are engaged. As always, I welcome your comments or questions, and look forward to welcoming you back to the campus.

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