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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Duke University Board of Trustees

FROM: Richard H. Brodhead

RE: Summary of Activities

As we approach the Trustees' Spring meeting and graduation exercises, the campus is abloom with azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, and other flora. The Duke Gardens are especially magnificent, and I hope you will have an opportunity to walk through them during the weekend. On Friday evening, we will be celebrating the contributions of Rex Fuqua, Gary Wilson, and Chairman Pete Nicholas, who are stepping down from the Trustees after years of dedicated service and leadership. The Sunday Commencement address will be presented by President Ricardo Lagos of Chile, a leader of democratization in South America and a Duke alum as well. I look forward to presenting honorary degrees to President Lagos, environmental advocate John H. Adams, Nobel Prize-winning chemist Roald Hoffmann, University of Maryland-Baltimore County President Freeman A. Hrabowski III, and humanitarian and former president of Ireland Mary Robinson.

The Trustees' meeting will provide an opportunity for important conversations about a range of issues of importance to Duke, including a consideration of strategic indicators as we prepare for the next five-year plan, an update and initial discussion of the planning process for Central Campus, our annual review of athletics, and a presentation by Dean **Kristina Johnson** about the Pratt School of Engineering.

Dr. James Semans

Let me begin with a brief word about the passing of Dr. James Semans, who died in late April at age 94. Jim Semans lived a full and rich life. As a packed Duke Chapel heard last Tuesday, his contributions as a physician-scientist and professor of urology were broad and deep. Fifty years ago he created a surgical procedure that is still commonly used, and his work in social medicine was ahead of its time. Jim was also a philanthropist of uncommon taste whose love of the arts – at Duke and at the North Carolina School of the Arts, where he served as founding chair of the board for 17 years – has benefited generations of artists and art lovers. Jim was married to Trustee Emerita Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans for 52 years, and together they have been stalwart supporters of this university in ways too numerous to mention. Our prayers are with Mary, Trustee Rebecca Trent Kirkland, and the many members of the Semans family.

Alumni Issues

Since our last meeting, I've done a good bit of traveling to meet with Duke alumni and friends, most recently the Duke Clubs in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. I am grateful to the Trustees who hosted these meetings (Philadelphia – Susan Stalnecker; San Francisco – Rusty Williams; and Washington, D.C. – Paula Burger). The many hundreds of Dukies who attended were filled with enthusiasm for the school and very responsive to our plans for the future.

By now, Cindy and I have met several thousand members of our new family on the road, and two weeks ago we got to meet many more. Record numbers of alumni and their families returned to the campus to celebrate, attend seminars, and rediscover the wonders of Duke. The level of happiness was palpably high. Director of Alumni Affairs **Sterly Wilder** and her team engineered a splendid weekend and deserve our warmest thanks. Sterly tells me that the reunion classes sailed easily past the Reunions goal of \$9.4 million for the Annual Fund, a Duke record.

Admissions Update

Since mid-April, I have met with several groups of admitted students to share what I've learned about Duke and what makes it so special. More than 18,000 applications (a record number) were received this year. We made offers to some 3,950 students, the lowest acceptance rate in more than a decade. With record numbers of applicants in virtually all categories – including Trinity and Pratt in toto as well as for African-Americans, Asians and Asian-Americans, Latinos, and international students – members of the faculty have been working with the admissions staff to “land” these outstanding prospects. By the time of our meeting, Provost **Peter Lange** should have preliminary admissions results from Director of Undergraduate Admissions **Christoph Guttentag**.

Undergraduate Issues

In the wake of our discussions in December of the Duke undergraduate experience, I held a conversation on this topic with more than 600 undergraduates immediately after Spring Break. I urged Duke students to stretch themselves and to take advantage of the opportunities that Duke presents for intellectual and personal growth, and, above all, I urged them to take the initiative in shaping their education. In addition to a lively Q&A following my talk, I have received many emails and visits from students who wanted to follow up on the conversation. The tone of these exchanges has been excellent, and several of us have felt that there begins to be a new attitude on campus.

A wonderful example of how students can create new and interesting projects is a documentary film produced by two students that focused on Israeli teenagers preparing to enter the military. The documentary, directed by Duke senior **Maital Guttman** and co-produced with senior **Madeleine Sackler**, is entitled “Mechina: A Preparation.” It focuses on six young Israelis who spent a year after high school working, studying, and volunteering before beginning their mandatory military service. The film juxtaposed the friends' playfulness and idealism as they strike out on their own with their reflections on what they soon may face as soldiers. It played to a standing ovation from an audience of more than 500 at its premiere in Duke's Griffith Film Theater.

Since the Trustees' last meeting, we have hosted a number of prominent speakers who have focused on the Middle East, and particularly the conflict in Israel and Palestine. As you know, following the Palestine Solidarity Movement student conference last Fall, we have made special efforts to bring speakers to the campus who could help all of us understand these issues. During the past few months, the Jordanian Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Karim Kwar; The Israeli Ambassador to the United States Daniel Ayalon; Israeli political activist Michel Warschawski; Palestinian pollster and

observer Khalil Shikaki; and lawyer and Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz, all have spoken at Duke as part of our continuing effort to focus on the Middle East. Each of these speakers has brought a different perspective and contributed to the education of our community about the challenges and opportunities for peace in the Middle East. We were particularly pleased when Professor Dershowitz, a very strong advocate for Israel, praised Duke as a “model” for other universities in turning the controversial conference into an opportunity for education. You can access a streaming video of the students’ documentary and articles about the various speakers at <http://www.dukenews.duke.edu/mmedia/features/mideast/index.html>.

Afghanistan sets the backdrop for the first reading assignment for Duke University’s Class of 2009. Khaled Hosseini’s *The Kite Runner*, a story of a young Afghan boy raised by his father in Kabul until they flee Afghanistan and end up in the United States, has been selected as this year’s reading book. *The Kite Runner*, one of 90 nominees, was selected by a faculty-student group chaired by Assistant Dean of Students **Ryan Lombardi**. The novel will be sent to all incoming first-year students in mid-July, and students will join small group discussions during Freshman Orientation in August. Hosseini is scheduled to visit the campus early in the Fall Semester to meet with Duke students.

Administrative Appointments

I am pleased to report on a number of administrative appointments.

Dean **Douglas Breeden**, the William W. Priest Professor of Finance, has been recommended by Provost **Peter Lange** to a second five-year term as dean of the Fuqua School of Business. The Fuqua School has made great strides under Breeden’s leadership, and we have every confidence it will continue to do so in the years ahead.

Joseph St. Geme, III, M.D., professor of pediatrics and molecular microbiology at Washington University School of Medicine, has been named chair of the department of pediatrics. St. Geme is a recognized expert in basic research and clinical treatment for pediatric infectious diseases. The Rev. Canon Dr. **Samuel Wells**, Priest-in-Charge of St. Mark’s Church in Cambridge, England, will assume the deanship of Duke Chapel, effective in August. I want to commend Trustee Charles Smith for his leadership of the search advisory committee that led to my selection of Dr. Wells.

Greg Wray, associate professor of biology, has been named director of the Center for Evolutionary Genomics. IGSP director **Huntingdon Willard** has praised Wray for his pathbreaking understanding that “evolutionary genomics, in addition to its appeal as a fundamental branch of biology, has explicit scientific and social connections to important topics such as biodiversity and public health.” Wray is expected to make conservation biology a signature theme of the new center.

Timothy Profeta, counsel for the environment to Senator Joseph Lieberman and a principal architect of the 2003 Lieberman-McCain Climate Stewardship Act, has been named director of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions (NIEPS). Assisting Profeta in his important leadership role will be World Wildlife Fund board chair William K. Reilly, the EPA’s administrator under President George H.W. Bush, who will chair the board of advisors for the Nicholas Institute.

Yale evolutionary biologist and Duke alumna **Anne Yoder** will join the faculty this summer, succeeding **William Hylander** as director of the Duke Primate Center, the world’s only research and education center devoted to prosimians. Yoder will lead efforts to integrate the Primate Center into the life of the university through such programs as the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (a joint collaboration with UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State), as well as our Department of Biological Anthropology, the Nicholas School, and the IGSP.

Bruce Kuniholm, a professor of public policy studies and history who served as director and chair of the Sanford Institute and the Department of Public Policy Studies from 1989 to 1994, has

agreed to succeed Sanford Institute director **Bruce Jentleson** when he steps down on June 30. Kuniholm, who will serve a three-year term, has been named by Provost Lange as the chair of a task force charged with determining whether and under what conditions the institute and the department, together with some of their affiliated units, should become a new school of the university.

Kathy Hollingsworth has agreed to join Duke as the new Director of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), beginning in July. Dr. Hollingsworth has served as Northwestern's CAPS director since 1995. Her areas of specialty are individual and group therapy, assessment, personality, and social psychology.

Michael Goldman has been appointed Duke's new campus rabbi at the Freeman Center for Jewish Life, beginning this fall. Goldman served as the Freeman Center's rabbinical intern during the current academic year and will receive his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in May.

Nicholas School

In addition to the good news about Timothy Profeta's appointment, the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences has been much in the news lately. In March, the school hosted an annual hemisphere-wide conference on conservation science for students from North, Central, and South America, who converged on campus to share research findings, nourish professional relationships, and attend public lectures. The conference was sponsored by the Nicholas School, Occidental Petroleum, and the Ford Foundation.

The Nicholas School was recently honored with a gold medal from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), which recognized the school's impressive Web site <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/>. The site was overseen by Assistant Dean for Marketing and Communications **Scottie Cantrell** and designed with the help of the Duke Health System's Creative Services team.

Provost Lange, Chancellor for Health Affairs **Victor Dzau**, Executive Vice President **Tallman Trask**, and I have publicly endorsed the university's first formal institution-wide environmental policy. The policy was developed with assistance from the Nicholas School and with considerable input from students, faculty, and staff. It is part of a broader effort to make Duke a national leader in environmental research and education, responsible operations, and stewardship, following our earlier commitment, under Dr. Trask's leadership, to construct environment-friendly buildings. With the help of the undergraduate Environmental Alliance, the mostly graduate student Greening Initiative, the Environmental Programs Group in our Occupational and Environmental Safety Office, and others, we have been working aggressively to limit Duke's greenhouse gas emissions and move toward sustainable practices in every area of the university. We were especially pleased that the Fitzpatrick Center received a coveted silver rating from the U.S. Green Building Council in April.

Development Report

As noted earlier, the Reunion classes broke all records in their giving to Duke. Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Development **Robert Shepard** and Executive Director of University Development **Ellen Medearis** report that overall, giving to Duke runs ahead of last year by more than 10 percent as we ended the third quarter of the fiscal year.

We have benefited from two recent bequest distributions, each unanticipated: about \$2 million for a scholarship fund came in as half of the distribution from the estate of Elvira Shepherd, who had not previously been a donor to Duke; and we recently learned of a bequest from the late Cornell University

Professor and Duke alumnus William T. Miller, whose approximately \$8 million estate will be divided between Duke and Cornell. Neither Ms. Shepherd nor Professor Miller had been particularly involved with Duke over the years, but their bequests clearly reflect a great affection and admiration for the excellence of the university.

The Arts at Duke

While you are back at the campus, I hope you will have time to see a wonderful student art show that runs until May 15. Despite cold, soggy weather, some 250 visitors showed up for the opening of the student-curated art exhibition *Road in Sight: Contemporary Art in North Carolina*. I was pleased to introduce graduating seniors **Lauren Miller** and **Jessica West**, who curated this exhibition of more than 80 works by 22 artists, including three commissioned pieces. The students had visited more than 60 artists' studios around the state to research the exhibition. **Kristine Stiles**, an associate professor in German Studies who specializes in modern and contemporary art, theory and criticism, served as curatorial advisor.

Visitors to the opening began by boarding two buses that had been transformed into moving works of art by Durham artist David Solow, who wrapped the buses with images of our East and West campus bus stops. From there, art lovers visited the six other sites of the exhibition: "The Space," an 8,000-square-foot area on the second floor of the newly renovated Smith Warehouse; the Center for Documentary Studies on Pettigrew Street; the East Duke Building; the second-floor corridor off my office in the Allen Building; the John Hope Franklin Center; the graffiti bridge; and a bus stop on Campus Drive. You can read more about the artists in the show at www.duke.edu/web/art/.

The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation has given \$1 million to the Nasher Museum of Art to name a gallery pavilion for the late Nicholas Benjamin Duke Biddle. Mr. Biddle, the son of Mary Duke Biddle and a founding trustee of her charitable foundation, was the brother of Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans. His name will adorn one of five pavilions that fan out from the museum's Mary D.B.T. Semans Grand Hall. The gift brings the total raised to \$19 million toward the museum's \$23 million goal.

With support from the provost and Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences **George McLendon**, we have reached an agreement to become a major sponsor of Durham's Full Frame Film Festival. The festival, often called the Sundance Festival of documentary, brings more than 100 new films from around the world to Durham each year and sponsors panel discussions, question-and-answer sessions, and seminars with leading directors, actors, and film critics. This year's festival included talks by directors Martin Scorsese and Ken Burns. As part of our sponsorship, we will expand Duke student fellowships and internships at the festival, receive discounted tickets for students and employees, and the opportunity to use the festival's archive for curatorial and research purposes.

Honors and Awards

The quality of our faculty and students define the university, and I am pleased to report that their excellence has been recognized through election to prestigious academic societies and organizations.

This week we learned that **Herbert Edelsbrunner**, Arts and Sciences Professor of Computer Science and Mathematics; **Thomas Petes**, chair of Genetics and Microbiology; and **James Samuel Clark**, the H. J. Blomquist Professor of Biology, were elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

William A. Christmas, Clinical Professor of Community & Family Medicine Emeritus, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College Health Association

(ACHA) in June at its annual meeting in San Diego, honoring his lifelong commitment to student health.

Michael Ehlers, an associate professor of neurobiology, has been named a prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, one of 43 scientists selected in a national competition. Ehlers joins eight other HHMI investigators at Duke.

Three Duke physician-teachers have received Golden Apple Teaching Awards from the medical school student body: pediatrician **Kenneth Alexander** for Excellence in Basic Science Instruction, internal medicine resident **Stan Wang** for Excellence in Clinical Instruction for Housestaff, and **Diana McNeill**, the program director for internal medicine, for Excellence in Clinical Instruction.

A number of Duke students have won important recognition since our last meeting.

Twenty-one Duke students have received Fulbright Fellowships. Visiting research scholar **Jeff Holzgrefe** coordinated this year's effort through our Center for International Studies. Winners included undergraduate and graduate students hailing from 14 states who will soon be off for advanced study in Turkey, Belarus, Israel, Italy, Tunisia, Egypt, Germany, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Estonia, Argentina, South Korea, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Guatemala, Taiwan, and Chile.

Three Duke undergraduates have won Goldwater Scholarships, which recognize excellence in science, mathematics, and engineering. This year's recipients are math and physics major **Peter Blair**, who is studying how light bends around black holes; math and chemistry major (and cellist!) **Adam Chandler**, who has developed a mathematical model of how two linguistic dialects can develop in the same region; and biomedical engineering, physics, and electrical and computer engineering major **Billy Hwang**, a volleyball team member who is developing electrical chips to quickly perform chemical analyses of small amounts of a substance.

Finally, Duke's commitment to attract a diverse student body and work force has been recognized in Duke University Hospital's honorable mention in "Best in Class Diversity Program" from Human Resources IQ in conjunction with the International Quality and Productivity Center (IQPC). The program's Diversity Excellence Awards honor, recognize, and promote diversity programs and leaders in for-profit and non-profit organizations. Winners are recognized for setting the standards of true best practices, and in our case we have to thank the Duke Hospital Diversity Leadership Group, chaired by Senior Associate Operating Officer **Kerry Watson** with help from vice chair and Vice President for Institutional Equity **Ben Reese**. The team is led by hospital CEO **William Fulkerson**, whom the *Triangle Business Journal* recently named a "healthcare hero."

Scholarship and Research

The first comprehensive survey of gene activity in the X chromosomes of women has revealed an expectedly high level of variation among individuals. In the journal *Nature*, senior author and Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy director Hunt Willard reports that there is essentially not one human genome, but two – male and female. Until Willard's breakthrough discovery, it has been assumed that a female's second X chromosome was "switched off" or inactivated. Willard reported that about 15 percent of genes on a female's second X escape inactivation, with dramatic differences in the degree of activation among different regions of her chromosome. Such variations in gene expression are completely foreign to males, confirming at the genetic level what many women have told us – that men are much more predictable. These exciting results, supported by the National Institutes of Health, have immediate useful implications for genetic counseling. In the same issue of *Nature*, more than 250 researchers, including Willard, published the complete DNA sequence of the human X chromosome.

Scientists at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center are harnessing the natural infectious power of four viruses – vaccinia, fowlpox, adenovirus, and alphavirus – to provoke the immune system into battling colon cancer cells that hide below the radar screen. **H. Kim Lyerly**, director of the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, reports that a \$10 million grant from the National Cancer Institute is funding a five-year research and clinical project, helping Duke draw upon the resources of two biotechnology companies in efforts to develop and test innovative viral vaccine strategies.

Breast oncologist **Victoria Seewaldt**, senior author of a study in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*, showed that half of all women at high risk of developing breast cancer have a specific alteration in their breast cells indicating that significant damage has already occurred and cancer may be imminent. The Cancer Center is using this discovery to identify women at immediate risk and provide preventive therapies. The defect at issue is the methylation or “silencing” of a gene called RARbeta2, which regulates how breast cells use vitamin A. Seewaldt’s research was funded by the National Cancer Institute, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, the Avon Foundation, and the Mary Kay Ash Foundation.

With scientists from Vanderbilt, senior author and director of the Duke Center for Human Genetics **Margaret Pericak-Vance** and her team reported in *Science* that they can pinpoint a gene on chromosome 1 that accounts for almost half the risk of age-related macular degeneration. This advance sheds light on the mechanisms underlying the disease, which affects 15 million Americans, and could lead to new avenues for treatment. Ophthalmologist **Eric Postel** of the Eye Center served as head clinician on the study, Duke’s portion of which was funded by the National Eye Institute.

Associate Professor of Religion **Ebrahim Moosa** has been named a Carnegie Scholar and will receive one of 16 \$100,000 grants under the Carnegie Corporation of New York’s new program that focuses on Islam. Moosa will use the funding to focus on the influence of the *‘ulama* (traditional Islamic scholars) and *madrasas* (the educational institutions where they preside). The Carnegie Corporation’s Web site http://www.carnegie.org/sub/news/ann_scholars.html notes that “most of this literature presents the *‘ulama* and *madrasas* stereotypically as a bane of contemporary Islam, an image that prevails not only in the West, but among Muslim elite as well. Moosa, who attended *madrasas* in India during his youth, will use his vantage point as an insider to develop a comprehensive and nuanced analysis of the *‘ulama* and their institutions that is at once scholarly and autobiographical. To gain a broader perspective, he will return to the *madrasas* in India at which he studied, then visit their equivalents elsewhere: a *pesantran* in Indonesia, a *hawziya* in Iran, and other *‘ulama* centers in Africa. By describing the range of *‘ulama* institutions and practices, he expects to demonstrate that the *‘ulama* retain and transmit a rich and complex intellectual tradition, imbued with moral authority, at the same time the traditions and practices they pursue are being transformed by modernity. The book resulting from Moosa’s cultural translation will offer a rare view of a world hidden from public gaze and emphasize the critical need for a deeper understanding of this important Islamic tradition.”

You may have noted the article in *USA Today* citing the research of Duke economist **Jacob Vigdor** of the Sanford Institute on the effects of urban gentrification in Boston; watched history professor **Alex Roland** discussing NASA on C-SPAN’s *Washington Journal* broadcast; heard law professor **Scott Silliman** on NPR’s *Morning Edition* commenting on the government’s plans for suspected terrorists detained at Guantanamo Bay; read in *The Wall Street Journal* about Fuqua finance professor **Campbell Harvey**’s research on the lengths that publicly traded companies will go to smooth out their earnings; or seen William Safire’s column in *The New York Times* quoting **Michael Newcity** of our Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies on the transliteration of Cyrillic alphabets into Latin letters. These were, of course, only a few examples of the way Duke scholars engage American society and media in high profile ways every day.

Among international examples, perhaps the most prominent recent coverage has been around Duke Medical Center's partnership with the National University of Singapore to establish a new medical school there. Dean of the School of Medicine **R. Sanders Williams** will also serve as the new school's interim dean, leading a committee that will develop plans for facilities, faculty, and admissions. Singapore is expected to be a major focus of the Duke Global Health Initiative, which Chancellor Dzau and Provost Lange are planning with faculty from across the university.

Graduate School

More than 7,300 applications were received this year by the Graduate School, the second highest total in the last decade. U.S. African-American applications held steady at slightly over 240; U.S. Hispanic applications rose to over 200 for the first time. Confirming the high demand Graduate School Dean **Lewis Siegel** predicted, Duke's newest graduate training program – in Medical Physics – had only three months to actively recruit students following its approval by the Board of Trustees in February. More than 60 young scholars applied to this program. The faculty accepted 17 students in pursuit of the Master of Science degree and six in pursuit of the Ph.D. in Medical Physics.

The Graduate School has just completed its second annual nomination for the Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring. This year, 62 faculty were nominated, representing a total of 35 different departments. This year's award winners are: **Linda K. George**, Professor of Sociology and Professor of Psychology: Social and Health Sciences; **Alexander Rosenberg**, R. Taylor Cole Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Biology; and **William "Monty" Reichert**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering. The Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching is awarded this year to **Myrna Ivonne Wallace Fuentes**, a doctoral student in the Department of History. Ms. Wallace Fuentes is writing her dissertation on "Light, Youth, Virility: University Politics and Militant Masculinity in South America, 1918-1935."

The Graduate School recently held its 5th annual Graduate Student Research Day. This year, 90 students from 31 departments and programs presented either poster sessions or talks based upon their research. This event has proved increasingly popular as a showcase of the very best research being done by Duke graduate students in virtually every discipline.

Facilities Update

This Spring saw the grand opening of the Ruth and Herman Albert Eye Research Institute, at which I was joined by Chancellor Dzau and his predecessor, **Ralph Snyderman**, along with **David Epstein**, chair of ophthalmology, and Mrs. Ruth Albert, whose family's gift made it possible. This 72,000 square-foot state-of-the-art research building contains clinical, faculty, research, and teaching space where basic applied scientists and physicians will come together to solve some of the knottiest problems associated with blinding eye disease.

Progress on other capital projects continues at an exciting pace. Both the Divinity School Addition and the Nasher Museum of Art have received Certificates of Completion. Both of these new buildings have attracted considerable public attention, even before their official dedications next October. *The Herald-Sun* and *The News & Observer* ran front-page stories about the museum; in April, *Art in America* carried a front-page article about the Nasher's upcoming opening. And *The Herald-Sun* had a wonderful article on the Divinity School addition.

Kemel Dawkins, vice president for campus services, reports that several portions of the Washington Duke Inn project are complete. The 100 new guest rooms, conference rooms, and ballroom were opened in time for Reunions Weekend, where Dean **Kate Bartlett** and her law school colleagues hosted numerous successful events. By September all renovations and additions will be complete.

Several new facilities will come on-line this summer, including the new East Campus residence hall, whose exterior masonry work is nearing completion. The Sanford Institute's Rubenstein Hall, whose exterior skin is now almost complete, will also be finished in July, with a dedication planned in November.

Following close behind will be the law school addition, the Bostock Library, and the Karl and Mary Ellen von der Heyden Pavilion, which are on track for late summer. The renovation of Perkins' 1968 addition will start in August and should be completed in mid-2006. The French Science Center is projected to be complete in December of that year, though at this point all you get to look at is the concrete structure work along with backfilling and waterproofing.

Following Trustee approval in February, Vice President for Student Affairs **Larry Moneta** and his staff have begun working with the Office of the University Architect and the architectural firm Hargreaves Associates, finalizing details on the design of the new West Campus Plaza. Some tricky details still need resolution, but we hope groundbreaking can occur this summer. Fundraising efforts are moving forward with the identification and solicitation of major prospects.

Washington (and Raleigh) Update

In March, I spent the better part of the day on Capitol Hill, meeting with members of North Carolina's congressional delegation and other federal officials, including North Carolina Senators Elizabeth Dole and Richard Burr, Senator Foreign Relations Chair Richard Lugar, and the ranking member of the House Budget Committee Congressman John Spratt. Local Congressman and Duke faculty member **David Price** hosted a breakfast for me with the North Carolina members of the House of Representatives, attended by Congressmen Howard Coble, Bob Etheridge, Robin Hayes, Brad Miller, and Mel Watt.

During those meetings, I stressed the need for continued investments in education and research programs despite the austere budget situation, and specifically highlighted serious concern over the proposed elimination of the Perkins Loan program. Although the tight fiscal environment was on everyone's minds, I received some encouraging words about the Perkins Loans and other education and research programs important to Duke from our senators and congressional delegation.

The night before my visit to the Hill, Trustee Emerita Judy Woodruff and her husband Al Hunt hosted a lovely dinner at their home for Washington political and media leaders to welcome Cindy and me to Washington. It was a delightful affair and a great way for me to meet people with ties to Duke and those with whom we hope to develop ties.

You'll recall that the university's last annual report concentrated on Duke's role in North Carolina. In March, I joined with our Raleigh team of **Paul Vick** and **Ann Lore** for what I am told was the first visit by a Duke president since Terry Sanford to the state's legislature. I spent the better part of half a day meeting with members of the Durham delegation, Senate Majority Leader Marc Basnight, House Appropriations Co-Chair Kay Hagan, and others. I used the opportunity to thank legislators for their strong support for higher education in general, even in tough budget years like this one. The State Contractual Scholarship Fund and the Legislative Tuition Grants for North Carolina students attending private colleges and universities, for example, are important to insure that the brightest and best can get a good education, including at Duke; I also spoke with them about the dangers of cutting Medicaid, the health care safety net for so many of our state's most vulnerable citizens and a critical source of funds for our hospitals, each of which provide high quality care to Medicaid beneficiaries.

I also was very pleased to represent the independent colleges and universities of North Carolina at the inauguration of North Carolina State University Chancellor James Oblinger. Duke has many

collaborative programs with N.C. State, UNC-Chapel Hill, and North Carolina Central University, and I hope to work closely with Chancellors Oblinger, Moeser, and Ammons, respectively, to build on those partnerships in the years ahead.

Duke and Durham

A controversy over a parcel of Duke Forest, which we had contracted to sell to Crosland Properties, was resolved last month when local municipalities and counties agreed to buy it to preserve as public land and to reimburse Crosland. Duke will transfer these 43 acres along Erwin Road to Durham County to serve as a regional park for area residents. This land – actually 11 acres in Orange County and 32 in Durham County – is not valuable from the perspective of scientific research, and although the county had known about the availability of this land for years, it had not been deemed a priority purchase until neighborhood activism persuaded leaders otherwise. Once Crosland signed a contract with Duke to build up to 49 executive-style houses, with 21 acres of open space, a group of nearby residents reacted quickly. They successfully lobbied Durham and Orange county commissioners, the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Durham City Council, and the Triangle Land Conservancy to raise \$1.5 million, as well as promising to put up \$200,000 of their own money. Under the agreement, Duke is allowing the counties to spread the payment over a three-year period.

Meanwhile, consistent with our long-term plan for the Forest to acquire key parcels that strengthen our research holdings, the university added 15 acres on the western edge of the Blackwood Division of Duke Forest in Orange County. The acreage will protect nearby critical research sites with a forested buffer.

On March 1, Duke's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) held its annual Winter Fun Day – an after-school sports clinic for sixth graders from Neal Middle School in Durham. The SAAC also held a canned food drive at the women's basketball game against Clemson on February 17, collecting 172 pounds of food to donate to the Durham branch of the Food Bank of North Carolina.

In March, our Project H.O.P.E. (Holistic Opportunities Plan for Enrichment) after-school program for 250 at-risk youngsters in the Duke-Durham Neighborhood Partnership received a very positive review. W. K. Kellogg Foundation Project Officer Dr. Marvin McKinney concluded his first site visit to Project H.O.P.E., under the leadership of Professor of the Practice in the Program in Education **Barbara Jentleson**, which has expanded this year to collaborate with six community partners to support the Durham Public Schools' goal of closing the achievement gap by 2007. Project H.O.P.E. – to which Kellogg has contributed \$2.25 million – was complimented for being well managed and structured. He expressed great interest in the Neighborhood Partnership's approach to community engagement, which focuses on bringing university resources to help address priorities identified by the community. Dr. McKinney said he believed Duke has the potential to create *the* university and community engagement partnership model.

McKinney visited the five community centers where Durham Public Schools students benefit from tutoring and enrichment programming five days a week. This year, some 180 Duke students who are expanding their classroom learning experiences, as well as making public service a priority in their lives, assisted in the tutoring. We are grateful for the Wachovia Foundation's decision this year to invest \$500,000 to help sustain the after-school program when the Kellogg grant expires.

Athletics

I want you to know of the many successes enjoyed by a number of our teams. Director of Athletics **Joe Alleva** reports that Duke ranks seventh in the latest NACDA/United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings, trailing only Stanford and five major public universities. Some other highlights follow.

In April, Duke became the first ACC school to capture both men's and women's golf championships in the same year. The Blue Devil women, led by individual medalist **Britanny Lang**, secured their tenth consecutive league title by outdistancing second place Wake Forest by 47 strokes. ACC Player of the Year **Ryan Blaum** took medalist honors; Coach **Rod Myers** was named ACC Coach of the Year. It was the men's sixth ACC team championship, their first conference crown since 1966.

To the delight of Dukies everywhere, Coach **Mike Krzyzewski**'s men's basketball team captured the ACC Tournament crown – its sixth in the past seven seasons – while Coach **Gail Goesten Kors**' women's team shared the conference regular season title. Both squads made strong efforts in the NCAA Tournament, with the men reaching the regional semifinals and the women making the regional championship game. Duke junior **J.J. Redick** earned ACC and National Player of the Year honors, and **Shelden Williams** was named NABC's National Defensive Player of the Year. Junior **Monique Currie** was the ACC Player of the Year and first team All-America. As you have probably heard, all three players will be returning to Duke next year.

The Blue Devil men's lacrosse team won its first 11 games of the season before dropping an 11-10 double overtime decision to top-ranked Johns Hopkins in a nationally-televised game. The second-ranked Blue Devils rebounded from the defeat with a 17-2 win over third-ranked Virginia to claim the ACC regular season championship; the team was upset in the ACC Tournament final by Maryland but is still expected to be a force in the upcoming NCAA Tournament. Duke freshman **Zack Greer** is the leading goal scorer in the ACC and one of the top scorers in the nation, while senior **Aaron Fenton** is one of the top goalkeepers in the country.

We are particularly excited that the women's team won the ACC Tournament championship, the first such win in the history of Duke women's lacrosse. Coach **Kerstin Kimel**'s women's lacrosse team is ranked number two in the nation. In Duke's 14-10 win over Loyola on April 16, junior **Katie Chrest**, the ACC Player of the Year, established a new school single-game record with seven goals.

Both of Duke's tennis teams continue to rate among the top programs in the country, with the men's squad earning a national ranking of number five and the women checking in at number 16. Duke men's **Ludovic Walter** ranks third nationally in singles action.

These are among many highlights of activities at Duke since our last meeting. Please let me know if you have questions about any of the items in this report.