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A NEWSLETTER FOR DUKE UNIVERSITY PARENTS & FAMILIES

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## Dear Parents and Families,

In this, our second year of publication, I'm delighted to add my words of thanks to you. Thanks for your partnership in support of your sons' and daughters' education. Thanks for the time and attention you pay to their diverse and complex lives. And, thanks for your genuine interest in the work we do in Student Affairs to enrich their lives and contribute to the wonderful experiences they encounter in their four brief years at Duke University.

There's much to report on this year. The number of programs and events sponsored by the nearly 400 student-run clubs and organizations continue to climb and attendance grows at nearly the same pace. We've enjoyed a remarkable diverse set of events including fascinating speakers like Thomas Friedman, George Soros, Alice Walker and many others. Music of every style (and volume!) can be heard

from the Bryan Center, East Campus venues and throughout the residential quads. Our cultural centers are flourishing with wonderful displays of art and artistry. All in all, life is quite exciting on campus these days!

Speaking of our cultural centers, I'm delighted to share news of two recent expansions. Our Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture has recently relocated into a new home on the second floor of the West Union. The Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Life has also found a new home in the lower level of the West Union. Both centers offer terrific gathering spaces for students and serve as general meeting, performance and reception spaces for the entire student body. I hope you'll have an opportunity to stop by when you're next on campus.

Last year, my letter focused on student safety and I want to report on our continued vigilance

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## A message from the president...

National presidential transitions are highly visible and closely scrutinized as the machinery of federal government churns its way along through accustomed but complex logistics. In universities, the interval between an election and an inaugural can seem quiet by comparison. However, a lot goes on in the background. The outgoing administration cheerfully gathers up the threads of its ongoing projects and consolidates, institutionalizes, or tables them; and the new president explores the status quo, begins to formulate strategies, and tries to meet *everybody*.

As Duke makes its way toward Richard Brodhead's presidency, I have been struck anew by the skill and good will of the many people who are quick to lend a hand and smooth the way—making it possible for me to exit gracefully and for Dick to enter fully briefed.

A formal transition team, headed by University Secretary Allison Haltom and including deans, faculty, and administrators, is helping orchestrate his visits to Durham and coordinate the elements of what Dean Brodhead calls his "Duke education." He has been clear about his needs and accommodating of ours, and already he and I have spent many hours together in review and consultation. An inaugural committee has been formed, led by University Marshal Dick White, and they too have been busy planning for September.

There is a hidden transition as well: hundreds of faculty, employees, and managers ask themselves, "What happens to me?", "How should our department communicate our achievements and dreams to the new president?" and "How can Duke be even better?" These efforts, too, are proving invaluable, for this is the foundation on which we build the future.

Then there are the legions of Duke alumni and friends, the students, volunteers and hosts, graduates and parents who help the Brodheads feel at home, help them understand why Duke inspires such loyalty and affection, and even introduce them to Southern delicacies such as barbeque, hush puppies, and sweet tea.

Dick Brodhead will take us further along our rising trajectory as Duke University reinvents itself, as it has with every generation. At the same time, Duke will be sustained by the values we celebrate, the heritage we honor, and our commitment to preserving what is best while striving to become ever better.

Our mission to provide an excellent undergraduate education is one of the first among those unchanging commitments. We are glad that you and your family are part of this adventure.

Yours sincerely,



Nannerl O. Keohane

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>May 13, 2004</b>	Summer term I classes begin
<b>June 21, 2004</b>	Summer term I classes end
<b>June 28, 2004</b>	Summer term II classes begin
<b>August 4, 2004</b>	Summer term II classes end
<b>August 17, 2004</b>	Residence halls open for students on west campus
<b>August 18, 2004</b>	Residence halls open for first-year students; New Student Orientation begins
<b>August 19, 2004</b>	Convocation for new students
<b>August 23, 2004</b>	Fall semester classes begin

## The Plaza: A New Gathering Place On Campus

The Division of Student Affairs is in the planning process for one of the most significant non-residential capital projects to enhance student life since the Bryan Center was opened in 1982.

Conceptual illustrations of the West Campus Student Center Plaza and Commons were developed after months of community feedback and a survey of 3,000 students. Although they are not final, the illustrations show how the Bryan Center walkway could be converted into a plaza that would connect the Bryan Center, West Union, Page, and Flowers Buildings in an exciting and attractive way. A raised platform for concerts and stairs that form an amphitheater are some of the elements that will make the Plaza a wonderful gathering place for students.

Though the model doesn't show design details yet, the new Plaza will feature plenty of seating – from freestanding chairs and tables to stairs to benches lining the edges of the platform – providing comfortable places to relax, study, and meet friends. The long-term plan includes welcoming entryways to the surrounding buildings, as well as additional outdoor dining options.

Campus Council President Anthony Vitarelli is enthusiastic about the Plaza. "It's at the crossroads of campus; you'll be there whether you're coming from Science Drive, the academic quad, the athletic facilities or the residential quad. Students will go to the Plaza when they just want to hang out, do some reading, or meet with friends. We'll have a place to host events or to drop by spontaneously for other groups' events."

Last summer, Larry Moneta, Vice President for Student Affairs, hired Treat Harvey, the division's first director of development, to raise funds for the project. "This social center will enhance Duke's intellectual climate by making it far easier for all members of the community to come together to study, interact, and get to know each other," says Moneta.

Stay tuned for more updates on the progress of the Plaza over the next year! ■

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in this area. We have sustained our increased police presence throughout campus and shortly will begin a new program where Duke Police will support Durham police with coverage in the areas adjacent to East Campus. Duke Police will share patrol coverage in the Ninth Streets and Trinity Park areas in order to further strengthen our attention to the many Duke students, faculty and staff who live, shop and travel in these areas.

I also want to bring your attention to our plans for tuition and fees for the coming year. Our Trustees recently approved a tuition and fee increase of 4.5 percent (\$1375) for all undergraduate students. As in the past, financial aid will grow more than proportionally

(11 percent) so that families with need will not be disadvantaged by this increase. We recognize that this increase places a continuing burden on families and assure you that we work very hard to contain costs. Nonetheless, we face numerous challenges including the cost for the best faculty, ambitious facility improvements and escalating costs for technology, utilities and various infrastructure needs.

Finally, I hope you're following our efforts to improve the West Campus environment for students. Last year, we announced ambitious plans to renovate the West Union and Bryan Center and we're about ready to begin that project with the construction of a spectacular plaza (see article above) to



## The Plaza at Duke University

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connect those two buildings and more. For those of you with web access, check out: [www.studentaffairs.duke.edu/studentcenter](http://www.studentaffairs.duke.edu/studentcenter). We're hoping to break ground this summer and then move on to renovations within the next two years. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about this project.

As always, there's much more to report on our work on behalf of your children, though I rarely think of them as children in my daily interaction with them. Your sons and daughters are truly the best of the best. They inspire us to

serve them well and we take great pride in their achievements as students and after graduation. Thanks for letting us spend these precious years with them.

Warm regards for the warmer months ahead! Please don't hesitate to contact me or my wonderful colleagues in Student Affairs if we can be of any assistance.

**Larry Moneta**  
Vice President  
for Student Affairs

# Richard H. Brodhead Named Ninth President of Duke University

from the Office of News & Communications

Richard H. Brodhead, dean of Yale College and the A. Bartlett Giamatti Professor of English at Yale University, has been elected Duke University's ninth president, Peter M. Nicholas, chair of the University's trustees, announced Dec. 12. He will succeed Nannerl O. Keohane on July 1, 2004. Keohane announced last February that she planned to step down after 11 years in the presidency to return to teaching and research.

Nicholas called Brodhead "the ideal person" to lead Duke into the next stage of its history.

"Dick is a scholar with a deep commitment to undergraduate and graduate education, a proven and effective administrator and fundraiser who understands how research universities work and an eloquent spokesman about the central role of higher education in American life," Nicholas said. "As one of his faculty colleagues at Yale put it, 'His performance is brilliant. Students love him, the faculty trust him, the alumni are in awe of him.' Duke's trustees are confident that the qualities that have led Dick Brodhead to be so revered in New Haven will also serve him well as our next president."

Brodhead noted that Duke was a "special place" whose brightest days lie ahead.

"I am tremendously excited to join a university that has already established itself in the top rank of institutions, yet is still so up-and-coming," Brodhead said. "Duke is a school with a taste for excellence, the energy and optimism to aspire to it, the dynamism and lightness of foot to actually make required changes, and the ability to avoid complacency in the face of accomplishment."

"Duke's core values are quite close to my own and I will represent them with real dedication. I also feel the institution would welcome change in the places where I see room for growth. If I can be a part of making a very good university even better, it will be a great satisfaction," Brodhead said.

"I have had other tempting invitations in the past to consider leaving Yale but I have always declined. Duke is a special place, however, and its allure in the end was overwhelming. I know I'm facing an immense amount of new learning and challenge, but I expect that to be a pleasure as well. I am looking forward to becoming both a Blue Devil and a part of the vibrant Durham community."

Robert K. Steel, vice chairman of the board of trustees who led the 19-member search committee of trustees, faculty, students, staff and alumni, said Brodhead was the committee's unanimous choice after an intensive review of some 200 candidates.

"It was striking to us how closely Dick's background and interests match the values and aspirations of Duke University," Steel said. "The responsibilities of his deanship at Yale are unusually broad. He is a first-rate scholar whose studies range from the classics of nineteenth century American literature to the works of African American and Southern writers. At Yale he has helped lead important advances in the sciences and engineering and environmental studies, and he recently chaired Yale's first undergraduate curriculum review in three decades."



Richard H. Brodhead



"He also sees exciting opportunities for synergy between our world-class medical center and other programs across Duke. We heard from many people who know Dick and saw first-hand during our conversations with him that he is remarkably eloquent and well versed in the key issues affecting higher education, a careful

listener, a thoughtful strategist, an intellectual of great breadth, a leader and a consensus builder of the first rank. And he has a wonderful sense of humor, which is a prerequisite for a university president."

Brodhead has been dean of Yale College since 1993, serving as the college's faculty chair and chief administrator. He shares oversight of the faculty appointments process with the dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and plays a central role in all tenure appointments and decisions in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. As dean, he also has leadership responsibility for undergraduate education, housing and social life, student services, undergraduate admissions and financial aid.

"We expect Dick to be an eloquent spokesman for research, scholarship and teaching not only at Duke, but on the national stage," said Sara Sun Beale, Charles L. B. Lowndes Professor of Law, who served as the search committee's vice chair. "He has won the respect of the faculty, students and staff at Yale, leading efforts to revitalize the curriculum, reach out to international students, enhance financial aid, strengthen the arts and much more. He is a truly gifted academic leader who is known for developing and nurturing a vibrant intellectual and social community, and supporting true excellence in every endeavor. He is also known for taking a keen interest in students, and being energized by them. These qualities combine to make him a superb leader for Duke."

Brodhead was the first Yale graduate in more than two decades to be named to the deanship, which he has held longer than all but

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two others in Yale's 302-year history. Brodhead earned three degrees from the university. He received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude with exceptional distinction in English in 1968, followed two years later by a master's degree and then, in 1972, by a Ph.D. in English.

Brodhead joined Yale's faculty as an assistant professor of English the same year. In 1979 he received Yale's prestigious William Clyde DeVane Medal for Outstanding Scholarship and Teaching from the Yale Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He was appointed Professor of English in 1985 and in 1990 was named the Bird White Housum Professor of English. He has been the A. Bartlett Giamatti Professor of English since 1995. Giamatti, a colleague and close friend of Brodhead, was a former Yale president who went on to become the commissioner of Major League Baseball. Brodhead served as chair of the English department for five years immediately before his selection as dean of Yale College.

Brodhead was a visiting professor at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris in 1989 and 1991. He has served on the faculty of the Yale-New Haven Teachers' Institute, and taught high school teachers from

around the country for eight summers at the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College. In 1998, Middlebury awarded Brodhead its Bicentennial Medal.

Brodhead has some familiarity with Duke, having chaired the external review committee of the university's English Department in 1991.

He is the author or editor of more than a dozen books on Hawthorne, Melville, Faulkner and other American authors. In 1993, Duke University Press published two books Brodhead edited on Charles W. Chesnutt, a leading African-American author of the post-Civil War generation. Brodhead's pioneering edition of Chestnutt's diaries led him to do substantial work on the history of North Carolina in the post-emancipation period. His many essays and lectures examine subjects ranging from multiculturalism to the role of education in a democratic society to the globalization of comparative literature. In addition, Brodhead has served on the editorial boards of several publications in the humanities, among them "American Literary History" and "Proceedings of the Modern Language Association."

Brodhead has taught or lectured widely in both the United States and throughout the world. At Yale, he played a major role in extending undergraduate admissions and need-based financial aid to students from other countries.

Brodhead has won several scholarly honors and fellowships, including Guggenheim, Woodrow Wilson, Danforth and Morse fellowships. His most recent honor is a presidential appointment in 2002 to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

When he is not working, reading, spending time with family or friends, or watching intercollegiate athletics, Brodhead enjoys traveling and the outdoors. He characterizes himself as an "avid college sports fan, which I clearly will have an opportunity to experience at Duke."

Brodhead and his wife, Cynthia, an attorney, have been married for 33 years. Daniel Brodhead, a 2001 graduate of Yale, lives and works in New York City. ■

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