

Ford Family Gift Endows New Program at Kellogg

Thanks to the generous \$6 million gift of the family of **DOUG** and **KATHY FORD**, the University of Notre Dame is creating the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity within the Kellogg Institute.

“We are very excited to announce the founding of the Ford Program,” said Kellogg Institute Interim Director **TED BEATTY**. “The great generosity of the Ford family has made possible a program that will institutionalize Notre Dame’s effort to promote high-quality research and teaching related to poverty and social welfare.”

“We are expanding the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative (NDMDI), which began as a project in the President’s office, into a program housed at Kellogg. The new program is much more comprehensive,” explains Kellogg Faculty Fellow and Assistant Professor of Political Science **REV. ROBERT DOWD, CSC**, who will direct the new effort. **TIM LYDEN ’02**, who according to Dowd has been instrumental in the program’s creation, will serve as associate director.

“Locating the program within the Kellogg Institute means that it is integrated into the academic life of the University,” says Dowd. “Thanks to the Fords’ gift, we will be able to integrate teaching, research, and outreach, and that’s exciting.”

The Ford Program will address the challenges to development confronted by the poorest on our planet, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. The field of human development studies encompasses scholarly efforts to understand conditions that affect human welfare, including economic growth and development, the political and social determinants of the distribution of wealth and opportunity, politics and public policy, human rights, and human dignity.

Informed by the principles of Catholic social teaching, the program will focus on “the human person in community and address the causes as well as the consequences of extreme poverty,” says Dowd, an Africanist.

He sees as the core of the Ford Program “a strong focus on undergraduate and graduate education—bringing out the best in our students, channeling them toward a life of service—and encouraging rigorous research, bringing the head and the heart together.” The program’s first event is a student symposium to be held in February (see page 23 for details).

The Ford family’s connections to Notre Dame are strong: Doug Ford ’66, a retired oil industry executive, serves as University trustee. His wife, Kathy, son **MATT FORD ’01**, and daughter-in-law **EOWYN FORD ’01** are equally devoted to the University’s mission.

A family discussion of the next steps to take in their involvement with Notre Dame put several members of the family on a plane to Uganda.

Explains Matt, a member of the Kellogg Advisory Board, “We wanted to advance the University’s social justice calling and harness its intellectual power, and we wanted to find a way to help students supplement their education outside the classroom.”

Through Kellogg Faculty Fellow **REV. TIMOTHY SCULLY, CSC**, the Ford family learned about NDMDI and Doug, Kathy, Matt and Eowyn were soon visiting the village of Nindye, the focus of Notre Dame’s work in Uganda, with Dean of the College of Arts and Letters **MARK ROCHE**, Father Scully, and Father Dowd.

“Father Bob has an incredible vision for the program,” says Matt. “Sometimes development is only focused on economics. Father Bob’s vision is that the whole person has to be considered, starting with the idea of human dignity.”

The Ford family was changed by that experience on the ground in Africa. Together, the whole family—including Matt’s three older brothers—made the decision to support the program in Uganda and Dowd’s vision with their very significant gift.

The Ford Program will continue to receive additional funding from University Trustee Ray Chambers, whose support made possible the launch of Notre’s Dame’s work in Uganda.



Doug Ford, Fr. Tim Scully, CSC, and Fr. Bob Dowd, CSC, with Ugandan school children

Asia Newsletter Launched

In the fall, the Kellogg Institute launched a new electronic newsletter: *Notre Dame and Asia*. The brainchild of **JONATHAN NOBLE**, advisor for Asia initiatives in the office of the provost, the newsletter is intended to pull together and disseminate information on the wide variety of campus activities, relationships, and connections to Asia.

“I believe the newsletter reflects the University’s ongoing development of its capabilities in Asian Studies, while striving to enhance its institutional, educational, and religious connections to Asia,” says Noble. The first issue of *Notre Dame and Asia* can be viewed at asianews.nd.edu.

Bond Bully on China

SIR JOHN BOND has a unique perspective on China’s past, present, and future. After working his way to Hong Kong as a deckhand, at age 21 he took a job as a trainee at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Forty-five years later, he retired from the bank—now known as HSBC Holdings—as group chairman, having spent most of his career in Asia.

Under his leadership, HSBC expanded from being a predominantly Asian bank with branches in 20 countries to a global bank with 10,000 offices in 78 countries around the world. Knighted for his service to banking, he is now chairman of the Vodafone Group, the world’s largest mobile telecommunications company.

In his September 13 lecture, “China: A New Perspective,” Bond focused on China’s place in the world economy. He urged his audience of undergraduates, MBA students, faculty members, and local business people to remember that China has been the world’s preeminent economy for most of recorded history.

After a century of revolution and oppression, China is now recovering, Bond contends. However, the transition from a state-planned to a free-market economy is a difficult one, compounded by unemployment and internal migration to the cities. On the plus side, in addition to the nation’s huge workforce, is a high rate of technological innovation.

Bond says that China is emerging as a formidable economic competitor after a steady period of growth. “Either you believe China will overcome challenges and become a superpower, or you think China will find it impossible to hold it together and implode.”

“Personally,” Bond affirmed, “I believe China wants peacefully to return to a state of stability and regain the place it occupied for 18 of the previous 20 centuries.”

