

By the mid 1960's, America was in the midst of unprecedented social and political change. Across the nation, students began to heed this call for change and some emerged as catalysts for implementing what were then thought to be revolutionary ideas and directions.

As undergraduates during this era, Donald Ogilvie '68, Armstead Robinson '68 and Glenn DeChabert '70, through their thoughtful, focused and compassionate leadership, drove major, lasting changes at Yale. The Afro-American Cultural Center was established; university and community relations were improved; minority enrollment increased dramatically; and an interdisciplinary degree conferring program in African-American studies was established – the first in the nation.

The landmark publication, *Black Studies in the University*, co-edited by Ogilvie, Robinson and Foster (Craig Foster '69) established the academic legitimacy for the development and implementation of African-American Studies programs not only at Yale but also at institutions of higher learning across our nation.

In celebration and recognition of their life long commitment to leadership and substantive change, we are pleased to inaugurate the Ogilvie Robinson DeChabert (ORD) Leadership Forum at Yale. The ORD Leadership Forum is sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Center and is Phase 2 of the Initiative for the House, the multi-faceted effort to build an effective cultural center for generations to come.

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As a tribute and to promote the type of leadership they exemplified, the ORD Leadership Forum will be dedicated to helping shape the next generation of leaders for our increasingly diverse society. It will do so by engaging, encouraging, enlightening, and ultimately preparing students to:

- be informed by the thinking and the development paths of society's best leaders;
- appreciate the experiences and perspectives of a range of races, nationalities, ethnic and socio-economic groups;
- establish relationships with and learn from students from other cultures; and
- understand how to use proven leadership techniques.

To achieve these objectives the ORD Leadership Forum will have four basic components:

Learn from Leaders. Inspired by the legendary Buckley-Coffin debates, The ORD Leadership Forum will bring well-known leaders to campus to speak on contemporary issues and to share their own paths to leadership including how they are able to work across diverse constituencies.

Addressing Issues Together. In this component, the ORD Leadership Forum will encourage the formation of small diverse issue groups in the residential colleges to discuss and analyze important issues of the times. The objective is to have students who live together share their different perspectives on important issues.

Leadership Fundamentals. The ORD Leadership Forum will conduct leadership training for diverse groups of undergraduate students. In addition to the leadership basics on strategy, team building, communications and organization, there will be special emphasis on leadership in diverse environments.

Leadership in Action. The ORD Leadership Forum will support both domestic and international student service project missions. The ORD Leadership Forum approach will differ from current programs in that it will: (1) fund small diverse groups of students conducting missions rather than individual students; (2) select missions that place the students in leadership positions at some level; and (3) expose the students to cultures outside their normal sphere.

IN COLLABORATION. To maximize the leverage of its resources, ORD Leadership Forum will joint venture with other parts of the University in executing its program. As the program achieves success, it will be shared with other universities.

THE FUNDING EFFORT

In order to secure this lasting legacy of leadership, we seek to raise \$2 million to fund the start-up and to endow annual program spending. The University has committed to continue to provide resources towards our goal. Your generous support of the endowment campaign will ensure Yale continues its tradition of advancing diverse leadership for generations to come.

Join us in commemorating the lives and continuing the work of these three extraordinary Yale men. Contribute today to the ORD Leadership Forum at Yale.

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