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I think the Carolina Alumni Association and especially the awards committee for this fine honor. I am very grateful for your kindness in recognizing me, especially as I think of distinguished past recipients--Chuck Stone for instance; I am honored to be a successor. I also think of many others who deserve this recognition.

Most deserving of recognition is not any single one of us but Carolina itself.

Therefore, I would like to congratulate Carolina for being such a special place in which to serve.

Very briefly, I would like to say why this is so, why Carolina is special.

Two minutes will suffice to tell two hundred years of history. For its first hundred years, Carolina was more a college than a university. Like most American colleges, it followed something like a British model--a college emphasizing the liberal arts, teaching, and preparation for citizenship.

During its second hundred years, starting perhaps with Venable and the Kenan Professorships, Carolina like other American public universities shifted toward a German model, placing increasing emphasis on research. It became a true university.

Even at Carolina, not all is glorious or, as Matthew Arnold put it, "sweetness and light," but this is a place where a faculty member can be a human being: not just think, but teach and serve, and be appreciated for it.

So I congratulate Carolina for continuing to be, and hopefully becoming even more, what Paul Hardin termed a "complete university," that unites research with teaching and service all together, thus sustaining humane values.

And I thank you, the Alumni Association, for supporting this balance with your award.

Now I was asked to say one word about what I'm doing now. In a sentence: I am trying to address a major issue of this day, namely, how do we globalize or internationalize while sustaining our grounding--in our locales, in the state, the region, the community. How can we be global yet grounded? I call this project GLOB-GRO: global/grounded. The two main entities with whom I work on this, aside from my own discipline, anthropology, are the Center for the Study of the American South, whose board I am chair, and the Center for International Studies, of which I am director. We welcome involvement of alumni in this effort.

Thank you again for this honor, of which I am very proud.