More than 950 people rolled up their sleeves for a good cause. During the 22nd annual Carolina Blood Drive, held June 8 at the Smith Center, 976 units of blood were collected, enough to affect as many as 2,928 lives.

Katrina Coble, chair of the Carolina Blood Drive Committee, had a message for donors and volunteers from the campus and local community: “Patients and/or families in area hospitals today are thanking you for the blood you gave on their behalf. It takes more than 1,600 units of blood daily for the Carolinas Region of the American Red Cross to meet the needs of hospitals, and Tar Heels supplied the majority of that need for one day through this effort.”

The drive remains one of the largest on the East Coast but fell short of its goal of topping the 1,060 units that would have been needed to beat Appalachian State University’s record as the state’s top blood drive. Appalachian holds its drives in September, when students are on campus to promote them and participate, while Carolina drives are held in summer and winter to compensate for times when donations drop because of vacations and the absence of student donors.

“Although we did not reclaim the title from the Mountaineers, Tar Heel donors can feel proud of their selfless contributions that will help patients with cancer and many other illnesses,” Coble said.

The drive’s 954 donors yielded 976 units of blood, with 783 whole blood units and 193 double red cell units collected. The American Red Cross estimates that one unit of blood can impact up to three lives.

Carolina Blood Drive yields 976 units, benefiting up to 2,928 lives

Employee survey results provide ‘roadmap for improvement’

The vast majority of University employees believe in Carolina’s mission, and more than half believe that the University must continue to change to be successful in the next five years.

These two points were evident in the results of an employee survey that the University recently conducted as part of Bain & Company’s work to help the University improve its overall operational effectiveness.

“There is a great deal of power in this feedback that you’ve given us because it gives us a roadmap for improvement,” Chancellor Holden Thorp said in his e-mail message to faculty and staff that outlined the survey results.

When asked if people believe in the University’s mission, 84 percent responded positively. In addition, 72 percent of the survey respondents believe that Carolina is highly effective.

University leaders have described the survey as an important step in the implementation of Carolina Counts, the University-wide effort to streamline campus operations.

This broad-based effort, led by former faculty chair Joe Templeton, grew out of the privately funded Bain & Company study completed a
Pinkney named associate provost for finance and academic planning

Later this summer, Dwayne Pinkney will make the move from the Division of Finance and Administration to the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. Pinkney, associate vice chancellor for enterprise services, has been named the University’s new associate provost for finance and academic planning, effective Aug. 1.

“In this crucial role, he will lead the efforts to develop new strategies for allocating resources to support the University’s existing and emerging academic priorities, and he will provide leadership for the finance, institutional research, general academic administration and strategic planning efforts of the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost,” Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost, said in announcing the appointment.

Pinkney, who has been at Carolina since 2004, will analyze the financial implications of the University’s academic policies and manage the annual and biennial budget processes, the annual raise process and long-term financial commitments.

He also will oversee the allocation of startup funds as well as activities related to tuition increases, financial reporting, enrollment data collection and reporting, and financial planning for technology and special projects.

“Dwayne brings to this position a rich background in finance and administration, and we are very fortunate to have someone with his knowledge and experience ready to step into the post,” Carney said. “For the past 16 years, Dwayne has held key leadership roles in finance and administration — not only in higher education, but also in state government and the private sector.”

Before he came to Carolina, Pinkney was associate vice president for finance for the UNC system, where he established, analyzed and

Carolina home page redesign will showcase the University’s rich stories

How does physics and astronomy professor Otto Zhou’s innovative shrinking X-ray machine promise to change the way brain tumors are treated?

What inspired Carolina senior Yaniv Barzilai to use his James and Florence Peacock Fellowship to travel to Nairobi, Kenya, to volunteer with Carolina for Kibera, a UNC nonprofit run by Kenyans and supported by U.S. volunteers?

And how did bookselling become personal for longtime Bull’s Head Bookshop manager Erica Eisdorfer, whose novel “The Wet Nurse’s Tale” reached the top 10 in the 2008 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award?

These are just a few of the many stories about Carolina’s people, programs, outreach and research that will be highlighted on the University’s redesigned home page, www.unc.edu, to be launched later this month.

Showing what makes Carolina distinct through stories like these — and creating an easy way to find them — has been a driving force in revamping the home page, said Nancy Davis, associate vice chancellor for University Relations.

“The current home page scores fairly high on functionality, but it doesn’t do justice to this University’s rich content,” she said. “We’ve tweaked the design in recent years, but the architecture dates from about 10 years ago. The redesigned unc.edu will let us develop the narrative about Carolina and make the site even more functional.”

A joint effort between University Relations and Information Technology Services (ITS), the redesign is the culmination of countless hours spent gathering input, testing concepts, building the infrastructure and generating content.
New forum chair combines passion for employees with down-to-business style

Jackie Overton is a trainer by trade, a leader of the Employee Forum by choice.

On June 2, forum members elected her chair for the coming year, making her the first African-American to lead the group. She succeeds longtime chair Tommy Griffin, a maintenance mechanic in Facilities Services.

Other new officers are:
- Marc ter Horst, a spectroscopist and facility director in the Department of Chemistry, as vice chair;
- Myra Quick, program assistant and registrar in the Department of Religious Studies, as secretary; and
- Carletta Long, administrative support associate in the Department of Surgery, as treasurer.

Koyah Rivera, precollege outreach coordinator for the N.C. Health Careers Access Program, was elected as a delegate to the UNC System Staff Assembly. Carl Schuler, a nurse consultant in the McAllister Heart Institute, was elected as an alternate delegate.

Not surprisingly, Overton, who has a little more than 26 years of state service, said she is comfortable being in front of big groups. She is in charge of all annual training for employees in the Public Safety Department who are not sworn officers, part of the requirement to meet accreditation standards.

Overton attributes her leadership style to her father, who died in 1969 when she was 12. He had served in the Army for more than 20 years and sometimes treated his six kids like “mini soldiers,” Overton said, including holding physical training and assigning chores in military lingo such as “police the grounds” and “mess duty.” His influence stuck, she said.

“Just take responsibility for your actions and work to do better from now on” and “no excuses” are words that still ring in her memory, she said, and that she tries to live by.

While Overton sometimes jokes with forum members about her military bearing, she is serious about the importance of setting standards for forum members.

“I respect other people’s time, and in turn, I want mine to be respected,” she said. “I want meetings to start on time — and end on time. I also expect people to show up.”

She will call on forum members to attend meetings at least 75 percent of the time and to become active participants on forum committees.

“If we are going to be a viable force on this campus, I have to have all hands on deck doing what they are supposed to do,” Overton said.

Although her approach to employee advocacy may be different than others have taken in the past, she said, her goals are the same.

She is not afraid to stand up to authority when the need arises, but she also believes in according the proper respect to all guest speakers regardless of their position or title.

“When you grow up in the military, you are taught to respect authority — and you also learn being antagonistic toward authority is not a way to get things done,” Overton said.

Behind her down-to-business style is a passion for employees’ concerns, she said. Chief among them is paying close attention to how budget cuts will affect staff members. For instance, when the University loses research faculty to competing institutions, it also means that some staff members will lose their jobs.

“I am drawn to people who have a passion for what they believe in, which is why I believe so much in the forum and its mission of looking out for the needs and concerns of employees who have not always had a voice,” Overton said.

A first-generation college student who earned a master’s degree in education and counseling at Carolina, Overton grew up in rural eastern North Carolina. Last Sunday, she watched as her daughter, Chandra Alston, followed in her footsteps. Alston earned her Ph.D. in English from Stanford University and will begin her faculty appointment at the University of Michigan on Aug. 1.

“She has exceeded my expectations, and I am a proud mama,” Overton said.
Academic Plan points the way to Carolina’s highest aspirations

The Academic Plan is the roadmap to help guide strategic thinking about the University’s future.

Last month, Executive Associate Provost Ron Strauss emphasized in a presentation to the Board of Trustees that the document is more of a map quest — a document to point the way to the University’s highest aspirations and dreams.

 Strauss reviewed the six broad themes the Academic Plan seeks to attain:

- Transformative academic experiences, including using large lecture-format topical courses for graduate and professional faculty to teach undergraduates;
- Faculty prominence, recruitment, development and scholarship, focusing on improving faculty benefits to enhance faculty recruitment and retention;
- Interdisciplinary teaching, research and public service, spurring an interdisciplinary campus culture;
- Campus inclusivity and diversity, going beyond race and ethnicity to include such things as socioeconomic background and political ideology;
- Engagement, seeking to confront and solve the persistent, profound challenges of state, national and global communities; and
- Building the University’s global presence in research and teaching, expanding upon its current strategic partners in London, Singapore, Beijing, Ecuador/Galapagos, Cuba and Malawi.

Bill Andrews, senior associate dean for fine arts and humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Sue Estroff, professor of social medicine in the School of Medicine, are co-chairing the effort to update the plan. The steering committee is working to complete its report in the fall.

“This is clearly a time when other universities are saying, ‘These are tough times, fall back,’” Strauss said. “What this campus has been saying is this is the time to pull together by taking on new ideas and putting energy out for the future.”

NEW KENAN STADIUM ADDITION WILL BE PRIVATELY FINANCED

The Board of Trustees on May 27 approved the financing plan for a five-story addition in Kenan Stadium’s eastern end zone that will feature academic support services for student-athletes and suites and club seating for fans.

Named the Carolina Student-Athlete Center for Excellence, the addition will replace Kenan Field House, which was built in 1927.

The board’s approval of the $70 million project, which will be privately financed, cleared the way for construction to begin this month and to be completed for the start of the 2011 football season.

NO PUBLIC MONEY TO BE USED

One key to the project’s approval was a funding formula that guarantees that no public money will be used for the project.

The additional seating also will create new revenue to help support the University’s highly successful 28-sport program, said Athletic Director Dick Baddour. Men’s basketball and football generate revenue that can be used to support the remaining 26 sports.

The plan calls for private donors to raise half of the money needed, with the other half funded through sales of the additional seating and suites.

Before trustees approved the project, Chancellor Holden Thorp reiterated that the Rams Club had pledged to raise additional money, if needed, to pay for the center if projected ticket sales fall short.

“The sales and the fundraising are sufficiently positive that I think that risk is minimal,” Thorp said.

IMPROVED ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The academic support center will be a 30,000-square-foot facility that will triple the size of the center that opened in 1986. It will include classrooms, computer labs, a writing center, auditorium, individual and group tutorial/conference rooms and offices for the academic support staff, career services, community outreach, life skills and the Carolina Leadership Academy.

Baddour said the expanded center would support Carolina’s nearly 800 student-athletes.

“Carolina offers student-athlete opportunities to one of the largest groups of young men and women in the country, but the current academic support facility is inadequate,” Baddour said. “Each of our student-athletes will see direct benefits from the Center for Excellence that will help them reach their academic goals.”

Karen Shelton, head coach of the field hockey team, said Carolina was able to recruit top student-athletes because of its commitment to academics and the support of the Carolina Leadership Academy, which aims to develop world-class leaders for a lifetime of success.

“Every day our coaches see the benefits of the programs taught in the leadership academy,” Shelton said. “It’s a real plus to all of our teams. Unfortunately, support programs like that have outgrown the current academic center. The Center for Excellence demonstrates again the University’s commitment to its students, including those in Olympic sports and the women’s program.”

Greek life study pinpoints key areas to be addressed

The three goals that emerged from a four-month study of Greek life on campus were as straightforward as they were bold.

The University should have the best Greek system in the country. Greeks should have the best Carolina experience possible. And the Greek system should promote excellence across student life.

Jordan Whichard, a 1979 alumnus who was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, led the study at the request of Board of Trustees Chair Bob Winston. Whichard outlined these goals as a result of an analysis of the Greek system he presented to the board last month.

Whichard said he spent nearly 300 hours working on the project and spoke to some 150 people, including students, faculty, parents, alumni, administrators and national Greek organizations. The common theme from those discussions, he said, was that the system had room for improvement.

Common topics of concern included too many risky social behaviors, not enough adult engagement and supervision, and the need for greater emphasis on academic achievement, campus and community engagement, and leadership development.

Such studies of the Greek system at Carolina — along with many of the same concerns prompting them — are nothing new, Alston Gardner, chair of the University Affairs Committee, pointed out at the end of Whichard’s presentation.

The University has put the Greek system under study for reform four times since 1996, Gardner said.

“There seem to be lots of wonderful comments and a mixed record of action, and I would like to be able to say a year from now that we either succeeded or did not succeed,” he said.

One way to succeed, Gardner added, was to make recommendations that were smart, specific and measurable.

Whichard agreed and said a task force would develop a matrix of measurable goals for the Greek system for the start of the fall semester.

He said Carolina’s Greeks were largely self-governed by four separate organizations: the Interfraternity Council (the umbrella group for fraternities); the Panhellenic Council (the umbrella group for sororities); the Greek Alliance Council (the umbrella group for religious, multicultural fraternities and sororities); and the National Panhellenic Council (the umbrella group for eight African-American fraternities and sororities).

Feedback led to a focus on the Interfraternity Council, where there is the “greatest opportunity for improvement,” Whichard said.

To add the missing layer of adult engagement, Whichard recommended that a new Fraternity Alumni Association be created with an executive director who would provide formal oversight to the Interfraternity Council.

Other recommendations included a restructuring of the judicial process, a reward system for good grades, and tutoring and mentoring of new fraternity members.
Waddell to be executive director, information security officer

Stan Waddell, a senior information technology specialist, has been appointed executive director and information security officer for the University, effective July 1. In his new role, Waddell will direct Information Technology Services’ Office of Information Security, which oversees the security of the University’s electronic information. The office is responsible for coordinating and ensuring that information security University-wide is consistent with the industry’s best practices and meets the University’s compliance obligations. Waddell previously served as chief information security officer for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, where he coordinated all information security-related activities for the medical center, the university and its two hospitals. A certified information systems security professional, Waddell holds a graduate certificate in information assurance from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Former nursing dean dies May 25

Laurel Archer Copp, dean of the School of Nursing from 1975 to 1990, died May 25. She was 78.

When Copp came to Carolina, the nursing school had 289 undergraduate students, 59 graduate students and 83 faculty members — only 15 of whom held doctorates. She encouraged faculty to pursue Ph.D.s and broadened the school’s research funding, and she planned for nursing post-master’s and doctoral education at Carolina. Under Copp’s leadership, the first nursing doctoral program in North Carolina was launched in 1989.

When Copp stepped down as dean in 1990, nearly half of the school’s 90 faculty members held doctoral degrees. For the next eight years, Copp continued to serve on the nursing school faculty.

Before coming to Carolina, Copp was director of the Sharon General Hospital Nursing School in Pennsylvania, a faculty member at Pennsylvania State University and chief of the V.A. Nursing Research Division in Washington, D.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Laurel Archer Copp Literary Award at the School of Nursing, CB# 7460; or the American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038. A memorial service at the Chapel of the Cross is being planned; details will be announced.

Jobs Well Done

Lane Cooke, left, program coordinator for the Family and Children’s Resource Program and clinical assistant professor in the School of Social Work, is the winner of the University Manager Encouragement of Learning and Development Award, given by the Office of Human Resources. Cooke received the award in recognition of her strong support of employees’ efforts toward education and training.

Denise Currin, University administrative manager in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science, is the winner of the University Managers Association’s (UMA) 2010 Manager of the Year Award. She received the award in recognition of her significant accomplishments in management during her University tenure. Both honors were presented at UMA’s annual meeting on May 27 in Dey Hall’s Toy Lounge. The guest speaker was Bruce Carney, executive vice chancellor and provost.

Honors

Facilities Services has been named the winner of the 2010 N.C. Mobile Clean Air Renewable Energy Award in the Fleet Category. The award recognizes Facilities’ excellence in incorporating the use of alternative fuels and advanced transportation technologies in its operations. University Service Station Manager Mark Stark accepted the award during the Mobilizing North Carolina conference on May 26.

Jane Greenberg, professor and director of the Metadata Research Center in the School of Information and Library Science, has been selected to receive the 2010 Jesse H. Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research by the Library Research Round Table of the American Library Association.

Bill Ferris, Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History, has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters. The award was presented at a Celebration of Arts and Letters in Jackson, Miss., on June 5.

Endeavors, the magazine of research and creative activity at Carolina, has won a silver medal in the 2010 CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Circle of Excellence Awards. Endeavors was recognized in the area of "periodical staff writing for external audiences."

Four College of Arts and Sciences faculty members have been named National Humanities Center fellows for 2010-11. They are: Lorraine Aragon, adjunct associate professor of anthropology; Fred Naiden, associate professor of history; Cynthia Radding, Gussenhoven Distinguished Professor of Latin American Studies and History; and Elizabeth Richards, associate professor of English and comparative literature.

Five faculty members were recognized for teaching excellence by the UNC School of Medicine Academy of Educators during its annual Evening of Scholarship on May 18. The winners were: Jeanette Cook, assistant professor of biochemistry and biophysics — Basic Science Excellence in Teaching Award; Alan Cross, professor of social medicine and pediatrics — Lifetime Achievement Award; Douglas Fitzpatrick, research associate professor of otolaryngology — Medical Student Research Mentor Award; Amy Weil, associate professor of medicine — Clinical Preceptor Excellence in Teaching Award; and John Woosley, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine — Innovation in Teaching Award.

Joanne Gard Marshall, Alumni Distinguished Professor at the School of Information and Library Science (SILS), has been awarded the Medical Library Association’s (MLA) Donald A.B. Lindberg Research Fellowship. Connie Schardt, current president of MLA and adjunct instructor at SILS, received an MLA fellowship from the association. Marshall and Schardt were recognized during the MLA Conference Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C.
Brashear, master teacher and consummate orthopaedist, dies at 88

Harry Robert Brashear Jr., known to orthopaedic students and colleagues alike as a master teacher, spent more than five decades on the faculty in the School of Medicine. Brashear died this spring at age 88.

Born in St. Louis, Brashear graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and earned his M.D. degree from the University of California, San Francisco. After an internship at Georgetown University Hospital, he served for two years as a medical officer in the U.S. Army and completed an orthopaedic residency and fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania.

He joined the Division of Orthopaedics at Carolina in 1953, one year after the department was established, and taught every medical student and orthopaedic resident who studied in the school for the next 55 years.

With clinical interests in bone tumors and bone pathology, Brashear served in many prestigious professional organizations. He was chair of the Orthopaedic Section of the Southern Medical Association, associate editor and member of the Board of Trustees of The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, president of the N.C. Orthopaedic Association, a member of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and vice president of the American Orthopaedic Association.

He co-authored the last five editions of the “Handbook of Orthopaedic Surgery,” for many years considered the students’ bible in the field, and wrote extensively about basic science in other texts.

For 37 years, Brashear taught the second-year musculoskeletal course. When he “retired” to part-time work in 1988, alumni and colleagues established the H. Robert Brashear Alumni Teaching Professorship. But retirement for Brashear simply meant expanding his teaching responsibilities in the departments of Anatomy and Pathology.

“As a colleague, Bob brought home what it meant to be a professional,” Frank C. Wilson, Kenan professor emeritus of orthopaedics, wrote in an obituary to be published in The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. “For him, professionalism was not simply a philosophic ideal; it was based on science and service — on the possession of knowledge and skills and the obligation to use them first to serve others.”

For information about memorial contributions, refer to bit.ly/drTKE6.
Morehead-Cain Foundation honors Eve Carson with new scholarship

The Morehead-Cain Foundation has given $400,000 to the University to establish the Eve Marie Carson Carolina Way Scholarship, which will cover the full cost of tuition, fees, room and board for a Carolina undergraduate beginning as soon as the 2011-12 academic year.

A new recipient will enroll every four years. The scholarship also will provide the student with special programming, including research grants, summer enrichment opportunities and study abroad. Preference will be given to out-of-state applicants.

Recipients will be chosen for academic excellence, observable optimism and enthusiasm, and a proclivity to connect and engage diverse people — qualities exhibited by Carson, a Morehead-Cain Scholar and Carolina’s former student body president who was killed in 2008. “Eve was extraordinary in many ways, but these qualities made her particularly special to the Morehead-Cain program and the University,” said Charles Lovelace, executive director of the Morehead-Cain Foundation.

The name of the new scholarship was inspired by Carson’s habit of referring to the “Carolina Way.” She and Chancellor Emeritus James Moeser defined it as “excellence with a heart.”

“Eve believed fully in the unique character of the Carolina community and tried in everything she did to live up to the Carolina Way and inspire those around her to do the same,” said Megan Mazzochi, associate director of the Morehead-Cain Foundation.

Carson also was co-president of the Honors Program Student Executive Board, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the North Carolina Fellows leadership development program. She also tutored science in the local public schools and captained several intramural sports teams.

She was posthumously awarded the Chancellor’s Award for most outstanding woman in the senior class and the General Alumni Association’s Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

This is the second UNC scholarship to honor Carson. The first, the Eve Marie Carson Memorial Junior-Year Merit Scholarship, funds a summer experience for students after their junior year and financial aid for their senior year.

University-wide risk assessment is under way

Information security breaches hit the news almost every day. Increasingly, breach notification is required by law and can be expensive and damaging to the reputation of an organization that experiences a breach.

To help protect the University from these threats, the ITS Office of Information Security will manage a University-wide risk assessment to determine the:

- Locations of sensitive data;
- Highest risks to sensitive data; and
- Cost-effective controls to protect sensitive data.

In the next 30 days, IT staff and business managers across campus will be contacted by a representative from either the Office of Information Security or Illumant, the company conducting the assessment, and asked to help complete a questionnaire. In addition, some departments may be asked to participate in an additional process designed to detect sensitive data.

After the assessment information has been obtained, it will be compiled and reviewed, and recommendations will be made for cost-effective controls over the areas of sensitive data at greatest risk. A final report will be completed by the end of the summer.

“We need to do everything we can to ensure that we serve as good stewards of the sensitive information in our trust,” said Larry Conrad, vice chancellor for information security and chief information officer. “This is a critical initiative and we need full participation and cooperation from units across campus.”

For additional information about the risk assessment, contact security@unc.edu. To learn more about what is considered sensitive data, refer to help.unc.edu/6475.
CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

The annual July 4 celebration will be held at Kenan Stadium from 7 to 10:30 p.m., sponsored by the Town of Chapel Hill. The Big Sam Band will play at 8 p.m., and fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m. In addition, there will be interactive children’s activities, led by Chris “Juggle Boy” Fowler.

Enter through Gate 2 at the stadium’s north side. Public parking is available in the parking deck off Manning Drive and in the Rams Head Parking Deck off Ridge Road.

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NEW CHAPMAN FAMILY TEACHING AWARD ESTABLISHED

Max C. Chapman Jr. will increase his yearly gift to the Institute for the Arts and Humanities (IAH) to enhance a teaching award for faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching undergraduate students.

The Chapman Family Teaching Awards will be the new form taken by the Chapman Family Faculty Fellowships at the IAH. More than 75 faculty since 1994 have held Chapman Fellowships. The new Chapman Family Teaching Award will provide faculty a $10,000 prize and a semester’s leave to be taken at the IAH. Faculty may take the $10,000 award as a one-time salary supplement or as a research fund that must be spent over a two-year period.

The University Committee on Teaching Awards, affiliated with the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, will select Chapman honorees. During their on-campus leave, Chapman honorees will pursue a research project, a reading program or a project that develops a new course or revision of a course.

The committee will present three Chapman awards each year. Tenure-track and fixed-term faculty are eligible for the Chapman Award. To read more about the Chapman award, refer to provost.unc.edu/teaching-awards/Chapman. The deadline to make nominations for all University teaching awards is Oct. 1. Refer to provost.unc.edu/teaching-awards.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR AWARDS FOR MANAGEMENT, CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS

Nominations are due by July 2 for 2010 Chancellor’s Awards and Excellence in Management Awards.

Chancellor’s Awards are based on meritorious or distinguishing accomplishments that are “clearly above and beyond that which would be expected from dedicated employees who are fully and completely discharging all of the duties and satisfying all of the requirements of their jobs” while a University employee. The awards categories are: Outstanding State Government Service, Innovation(s), Public Service, Safety/Heroism, Human Relations and Other Achievements.

Chancellor’s Award recipients are honored at a reception and each receive a monetary award of $1,000 and a special leave award of 24 hours.

Excellence in Management Awards are presented to two University employees in recognition of meritorious and distinguishing accomplishments in management. They also are honored at a reception and receive a framed certificate and monetary award of $500.

Refer to bt.ly/cmKDBI to make a nomination online, or call 962-1483 for more information.

LEARN TO SLOW DOWN

The UNC Mindfulness-based Program for Stress and Pain Management offers training in meditation and mind-body awareness that will teach people how to slow down, set priorities and stay calm, focused and relaxed in the midst of a busy life. These practices will enhance the body’s natural adaptive healing ability and will cultivate the mind’s clarity and insight.

The summer 2010 mindfulness courses will be offered in two sessions: on Thursday mornings, beginning June 24 through Aug. 19; and Thursday evenings, beginning July 15 through Sept. 9.

The programs follow Jon Kabat-Zinn’s model and are offered by the Program on Integrative Medicine in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

The Thursday morning classes will be given at the UNC Wellness Center at Meadowmont; the Thursday evening classes will be given in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building.

For information, refer to pim.med.unc.edu/mindfulness. html, call 986-8586 or e-mail mindfulness@med.unc.edu.

BOTANICAL GARDEN NEWS

Selected works by 2009 and 2010 graduates of the North Carolina Botanical Garden Botanical Illustration Certificate Program will be on display July 1 – Aug. 29 in the Education Center’s DeBerry Family Botanical Art and Illustration Gallery. The exhibit will be titled “An Eye on Nature.” www.ncbi.unc.edu

Spaces are still available in the Nature Explorers Summer Camps in the garden. The class for children ages 6 to 8 has spaces in the session that runs July 12–16 and the one that runs July 26–30. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

For more information and to register, call 962-0522.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY ORIENTATION FOR NEW SUPERVISORS

The Office of Scholarships and Student Aid offers training sessions for full-time faculty and staff members interested in joining the Federal Work-Study program.

Training is mandatory and covers topics such as institutional and federal guidelines, student payroll, the job classification system, documenting student hours in TIM, creating job descriptions and marketing jobs online.

All sessions will be held in Room 121 of Hanes Art Center on the following dates: July 7, 10 a.m.–noon; and Aug. 5, 2–4 p.m.

No registration is required; attend a session that works best for you. Contact Michelle Klemens for information (962-4176 or michelle_klemens@unc.edu).

SUMMER MUSIC, MOVIE SERIES KICKS OFF JUNE 24

Locally Grown, Chapel Hill’s annual series of free movies and concerts, will begin June 24 with a concert by Southern Culture on the Skids at Wallace Plaza, on top of the Wallace Parking Deck at 150 E. Rosemary St. The concert will start at 6 p.m. with The Moaners providing the opening act.

On July 8, the film “Big Fish” – based on the novel by Daniel Wallace – will be shown beginning at sundown.

Concert nights will feature a beer garden along with a selection of wines, as well as food from some of Franklin Street’s restaurants. On movie nights, the Varsity on Franklin Theater will offer concessions. www.locally-grown.com

JAPAN FOCUS OF JUNE 26 PROGRAM

The Program in the Humanities and Human Values will offer a seminar at the Center for School Leadership Development on June 26 titled “Japan: Enduring History and Contemporary Culture.”

The program will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. with an optional lunch available. Registration is required, with fee.

`Heart of the Sun' opens at planetarium

Visitors to the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center yesterday had the opportunity to experience the sun from a new perspective. This planetarium show takes you inside the sun, in high definition.

New space-based telescopes, along with a new generation of terrestrial instruments, capture both the fine surface detail and the vast eruptions of the sun’s corona with unprecedented clarity. “Heart of the Sun” delivers new high-resolution motion pictures never before seen in a fulldome theater.

From the Neolithic skywatchers of Europe to the solar observatories of Mesoamerica to the dawn of Aristotelian science, “Heart of the Sun” reveals how the development of our whole cosmosology has been informed by our struggle to understand the sun. This living star continues to challenge our imagination today.

“Heart of the Sun” was produced by Helograph Productions, based in Australia. To see the show schedule and find out more about the planetarium’s summer programs, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.
Topics and speakers will include: “Geisha Stories,” by Jan Bardsley; “Stone’s and the Idea of the Garden,” by Norris Brock Johnson; “Sentient Beings Are Numberless, I vow to Save Them All: Pet Memorial Rites in Contemporary Japan,” by Barbara Ambros; and “Ritual Culture and Japan,” a panel discussion including all the speakers. For more information, see adventuresinside.unc.edu or call 962-1544.

RATES REDUCED FOR AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

The Carolina Union Box Office will be selling tickets to Kings Dominion and Carowinds amusement parks through Oct. 15 at reduced rates ($21.99 for youth/senior citizens, $34.99 for general tickets). Tickets will be valid at either park for any normal operating day of the current season.

Call 962-1449 or e-mail carolinaunionboxoffice@unc.edu.

F&A COST STUDY BEGINS THIS SUMMER

The Office of Sponsored Research (OSR) is planning for the next Facilities & Administrative (F&A) cost rate negotiation with the federal government, with the goal of establishing a higher F&A rate for the University. In order to achieve this, an electronic space survey tool called FAST was developed through a collaboration of OSR, Facilities Planning and department representatives, and it will be used to help functionalize space in the survey.

Many departments regularly update building information in SPOTS along with asset management information, and it is important for the University to have accurate physical space data — especially in highly intensive research units — along with equipment locations in research labs and support areas.

Sometime in the next several weeks, OSR staff may contact space and equipment representatives in your area to verify current floor plans, room types and equipment locations. OSR personnel also may perform a walkthrough verification or a desk review with sample verification.

For more information, contact Peg Vigiolto (Vigiolto@email.unc.edu or 843-7780) or Kevin Maynor (kevin_maynor@unc.edu or 962-4453).

TAR HEELS EXCEL IN NCAA’S ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT

For the last four years, from 2005-06 to 2008-09, all 28 University varsity athletic programs met the standards for successful Academic Progress Ratings (APR), and 23 of UNC’s programs exceeded the national average for their respective sports.

Six programs — men’s and women’s swimming and diving, women’s fencing, women’s golf, gymnastics and volleyball — scored a perfect 1,000 over the last four years.

Thirteen sports — baseball, men’s basketball, men’s golf, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, men’s tennis, women’s basketball, women’s cross country, women’s golf, gymnastics, women’s lacrosse, softball and volleyball — scored a perfect 1,000 in 2008-09.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team’s academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team’s academic performance.

FELLOWSHIP DEADLINES TO WATCH

■ Faculty interested in applying for a 2011 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend must turn in proposals to the Institute for the Arts and Humanities Faculty Advisory Board by Sept. 1. The summer stipends provide $6,000 for two consecutive months of full-time research and writing. iah.unc.edu/calendar/nehsummer2011

■ The deadline to apply for 2011-12 IAH Faculty Fellowships and Faculty Arts Fellowships is Sept. 30. The fellowships provide on-campus, semester leaves for faculty to pursue projects in the arts, humanities and qualitative social sciences. iah.unc.edu/programs/fellowships

NEWS IN BRIEF SUBMISSIONS

Next issue includes events from July 15 to Aug. 11. Deadline for submissions is 5 p.m., Fri., July 2. E-mail gazette@unc.edu. Fax: 962-2279; clearly mark for the Gazette. Campus Box# 6205. The Gazette events page includes only items of general interest geared toward a broad audience. For complete listings of events, including athletics, see the Carolina Events Calendars at www.unc.edu/events.
The call of duty supersedes astronomer’s search of the stars

Bruce Carney’s work in South Building bears a striking resemblance to the Hubble Space Telescope’s journey into space.

Both have kept going longer than anyone imagined — or expected.

“The reality in terms of science mimics the beauty of the images it [the Hubble] has produced,” Carney said. “What it has enabled us to do far exceeds what we could have done from the ground. It has provoked new questions.”

Launched on April 24, 1990, the Hubble remains aloft thanks to four repair missions.

To Carney, the Hubble is a symbol of the can-do attitude that has always been part of the American character.

And he should know. Carney and his fellow astronomers in Carolina’s Department of Physics and Astronomy spent 18 years cooking up a high-tech telescope called SOAR (Southern Astrophysical Research) that has been in operation since 2004.

They set the $30 million, 100-ton telescope atop Cerro Pachon, a dusty, 9,000-foot desert mountain in the Chilean Andes, where for the past six years it has been capturing the highest quality images of any observatory in its class in the world. Carney wore the same necktie, printed with Van Gogh’s “Starry Night,” to both the groundbreaking of the project and its official dedication, which happened six years, to the day, apart.

A CITIZEN OF THE UNIVERSITY

To Chancellor Holden Thorp, Carney epitomizes the willingness to do what is asked to serve the University — even when it comes into direct conflict with his plans to return to his true calling.

Carney came to Carolina as an assistant professor in 1980 and became a full professor in 1989. He was named Samuel Baron Professor of Physics and Astronomy in 1994.

For much of that time, Carney focused his research on our own galaxy, the Milky Way. Using infrared light, Carney has been able to collect data on some of the oldest stars to gauge their temperature, brightness, chemical composition and age.

In 1999, Carney became the chair of the department and when he left five years later, he had earned a competitive leave as well as a research and study leave. Combined, the leaves added up to a one-year sabbatical to focus on his research.

It never happened. Instead, he agreed to a request from Bernadette Gray-Little, then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to serve as senior associate dean for the natural sciences.

In this capacity, Carney helped plan the new Carolina Physical Sciences Complex, the largest construction project in the University’s history. He also named Thorp to serve as chair of the chemistry department.

In 2008, Thorp — who had become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences — was named chancellor. Gray-Little, who by then was executive vice chancellor and provost, asked Carney, in consultation with Thorp, to fill Thorp’s place on an interim basis as dean of the college.

That pattern was repeated the following summer after Gray-Little was named chancellor of the University of Kansas, when Thorp called upon Carney to serve as interim provost while a national search was conducted for Gray-Little’s successor.

Carney accepted on the condition that once a provost was named, he would get the chance to take his long-postponed sabbatical to prepare for a return to his research and teaching.

During the spring, the University narrowed the field for a new provost to three candidates, but ultimately, as Thorp explained in a letter to the campus community, there was not a match. Rather than re-open the search, Thorp prevailed upon Carney to stay in the role on a permanent basis.

“Not only has he come to enjoy the job, but we’ve come to rely on him,” Thorp wrote. “He’s done an outstanding job and appointing him allows us to continue moving forward without skipping a beat.”

FINDING THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

It is the kind of job that can weigh as heavily on the heart as the mind, especially in bad budget times when the best you can do is to limit the damage that repeated cuts inevitably inflict.

“These have been challenging decisions, in part, because I have come to know how remarkable this University is — the students, the faculty and everybody else,” Carney said. “And so the slashing and hashing — I won’t say butchering because that would sound as if there has been a meat-cleaver approach — is done with the realization that people and programs are being hurt.”

It is the kind of job that does not shut off neatly at the end of the day, and is never out of Carney’s mind.

Some people can let go of their jobs when they leave campus. This one travels with me. It travels with me when I am on vacation. It travels with me in the evenings. Usually it is not paramount, but it is there.”

Earlier this month, Carney was the featured speaker for the Employee Forum’s annual retreat to explain exactly what a provost does and how he has gradually come to embrace the job in...
all its dimensions. “I have actually enjoyed this job in many respects,” Carney said. “It is challenging as hell, but so is every job on this campus. I have less time to devote to my students, but it is still an intense responsibility and I’m glad I could do it.”

He added, “I’ve been told by medical experts that the more you stimulate your brain, the slower you age. Well, I have found the fountain of youth, folks.”

With his sabbatical now gone, Carney is left with three options. He can remain provost without much time to prepare. He can return to the physics and astronomy department without much time to prepare. “I’m here as long as I can do the job and do it well,” Carney said.

His willingness to take the job — and his ability to perform it well — earned Carney a 2010 C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Award.

But it also left him with a lingering sense of irony, which in a recent interview he underscored by picking up a coal-colored meteorite from his desk. By studying the radioactive elements in the meteorite’s crystal structure, astronomers can tell with precision that the meteorite is 4.57 billion years old, Carney said.

“As I tell people from time to time, I keep this thing on my desk because it still links me to my field,” he said. “But I also keep it to remind myself that, here in this office, things will fall out of the sky.”

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Winston also asked Gardner to form and lead a committee to study the rush process, including whether it should be done in the fall or spring, as well as broader questions about the recruitment process among fraternities and sororities. Winston asked that the report be completed by January.

The University enlisted Whichard to conduct the study last January after a fall semester that included several events.

Courtland Smith, Delta Kappa Epsilon’s president, was shot and killed by Archdale police who believed he had a gun after stopping him during a high-speed trek down I-85. He had left a party at the fraternity several hours earlier. (The fraternity was later sanctioned by the Fraternity and Sorority Standards Review Board for violations of alcohol and other policies in connection with that party.)

Those violations followed several other incidents, reports and violations over a two-year period. Soon after Smith’s death, four University students with Greek ties were among seven local people arrested by area police on cocaine charges.

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only 5 percent of people donate and as many as 97 percent may need blood at some point in their lives.

During the day, donors and volunteers were greeted by Chancellor Holden Thorp and his wife, Patti; Chancellor Emeritus Paul Hardin and his wife, Barbara; William Roper, dean of the School of Medicine, vice chancellor for medical affairs and chief executive officer of the UNC Health Care System; Head Football Coach Butch Davis and his wife, Tammy; “Voice of the Tar Heels” Woody Durham and his wife, Jean; former Carolina basketball standout Eric Montross and his wife, Laura; and celebrated Carolina soccer player Carla Overbeck and her husband, Greg; along with Rameses and members of Carolina’s football and volleyball teams.

The drive is organized by a committee of representatives from across campus and the Carolinas Region of the American Red Cross. UNC sponsors are human resources, Student Stores, athletics and printing services.

For more information, refer to www.unc.edu/blood.

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Nova Southeastern University, a designated National Center of Academic Excellence in information assurance.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Old Dominion University and a master’s degree in management and administration sciences from the University of Texas at Dallas. Waddell is pursuing a doctorate at Nova Southeastern University.
Rowan ‘spins’ a Navy tour of duty into a venerable 46-year career at the University

Larry Rowan believes his fate has been pushed along by luck. Not that he is complaining. His luck has turned out to be good, and so has his life.

There is no way, he said, that he should have gotten into college, much less graduated from one the caliber of Berkeley. But he did.

And there is no way he should have gotten the chance to teach at a place as magnificent as Carolina, he added. But he did.

When Larry Slifkin hired Rowan in 1964 to work as a postdoctoral student in one of his research labs in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Rowan chose to stay on.

Some 46 years to be exact. It is all those years — and the thousands of students and friends who have been part of them — that has made Rowan’s decision to retire such a struggle.

HELPING HANDS

All his life, Rowan said, he has benefited from the good will of people who saw in him qualities he might not have recognized on his own.

“I am grateful for the friends who have helped me at various points in my life where my path could have gone one way or another, and there is a long list of them,” he said.

It started with Mr. Tuttle, a math teacher in junior high who spotted Rowan’s interest and aptitude in math. Whenever Rowan completed his regular work early, the teacher gave him even harder material to challenge him.

Then there was his Uncle Herb, who knew electronics and detected Rowan’s interest in it and who gave him a vacuum-tube radio — not to play, but to tear apart.

“I had only a rudimentary understanding of what all those little pieces were and not enough know-how to put it back together so that it worked,” Rowan said.

But the experience gave him the freedom to try to figure out how something worked, the kind of curiosity that is the wellspring of physics.

Still, he remained an indifferent student and had no scholarships lined up when he graduated from high school in 1949. His senior year was marked by the death of his father, who had worked as a machinist in an aircraft factory in San Diego, Calif.

“When you look at that, the fact that I got to college was a miracle,” Rowan said. “It was a miracle.”

DISCOVERING SCIENCE

That miracle came about as a result of the Korean War — and Rowan’s decision to enlist in the Navy for four years rather than wait to be drafted into the Marines for three.

He was a mop hand on the deck of a ship when one of his superiors checked his entrance exam and saw that Rowan had the kind of scores to warrant attending the electronics school that was located on Treasure Island in the San Francisco Bay.

Rowan turned the opportunity into gold. He left the school equipped with not only an outstanding education in electronics, but also knowing how to operate radar equipment and understand how it worked.

“By the time I left the Navy in 1955, I had vast amounts of practical electrical training, a strong interest in mathematics and the GI Bill,” Rowan said.

Because of his Navy training, he was hired into physics research labs to conduct experiments with devices called magnetrons, which produced microwave pulses — a skill not unlike operating radar.

After graduating magna cum laude from the University of California, Berkeley, he was accepted immediately into graduate school there as well, and in 1963 he earned his Ph.D. in physics.

For his thesis, Rowan tested, proved and published a theory called “electron spin echo.” It is a complicated business, dealing with magnetic resonance — a process that uses pulses applied to spin systems. Rowan’s thesis worked with spin systems in the microwave region, which is different from the nuclear magnetic resonance imaging that would later be used in medical imaging.

To explain spin echo, Rowan compared it to what happens after striking a bell.

“You hear a ringing. The ringing dies out,” he said. “Now imagine you have a situation where you strike the bell. The ringing dies out, but all of a sudden the ringing comes back and then goes away again.

“Well, that’s what happens when you take a magnetic resonance spin system and pulse it twice. Bing. Bing. You’ll notice the ringing dies away, but then it comes back. That’s the spin echo.”

About the time Rowan was completing his doctorate, Slifkin, a young faculty member at Carolina whose specialty was solid-state physics, had received a federal grant and was looking for someone to build a spectrometer in his lab.

In assessing the candidates, Rowan stood out as having the most applicable experience, Slifkin recalled.

Rowan, however, insisted it was luck, and Slifkin joined the list of people who Rowan credits for his success.

A MASTER TEACHER

Rowan joined the faculty in 1967, received the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in 1974 and 1984, and became a full professor in 1986.

In 1994, Rowan began a 15-year run as the director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, constantly trying to dissect and impart the essential elements of good teaching with the same zeal he once tore apart the radio from his uncle.

But there is more behind Rowan’s mastery of teaching than methodology. There is something about his disposition, people say, something warm and welcoming like a morning cup of coffee. It is his easy-going nature that has made countless students struggling with a hard subject so willing to approach him for help.

“Larry has been a congenial presence in the department for as long as anyone can remember,” said Laurie McNeil, who has been Rowan’s colleague for 26 years, including the past five that she has served as department chair. “He’s just sunshine.”

McNeil said Rowan was the one person in the department who everyone knew could be relied upon whatever the task. In particular, Rowan gladly took on entry-level courses, filled with the kind of students and material that some professors considered beneath them, she said.

“Whatever he was asked to teach, he would do in an exemplary way, and that was certainly what I felt as chair,” McNeil said. “Despite the gifts of all my other colleagues, I can’t say that about anyone else.”

No question was too stupid, and no student was beyond the reach of academic redemption after passing through Rowan’s office door, said his longtime friend Slifkin.

“He had a large personal commitment to each student,” Slifkin said. “And all his students realized he was on their side.”

AN ENDURING LEGACY

There is no good time to walk away from something you love. But when Rowan and his wife, Barb (who works with UNC Physicians & Associates and is a former Gazette staffer), were offered a home in Carol Woods, a coveted retirement community in town, Rowan grudgingly accepted that the moment had arrived.

The realization of all he will be giving up, Rowan said, hit him in May as he computed the last batch of final grades.

“It struck me that it was the last time I would be doing that, and I will say there was a moment of sadness that came over me,” Rowan said. “I realized that I will not have to do that anymore — and that I will not get to do that anymore. It was a very mixed emotion.”

McNeil said Rowan will be sorely missed, but his influence — and the example he set — will endure.

“All of us decide where our highest and best contribution will be based on our enthusiasm, what gets us up in the morning,” McNeil said. “Larry’s legacy will be the difference he made in the lives of the thousands of students lucky enough to cross his path.”