

RFA News

RFA — Part of the Carolina Family

Newsletter of the Retired Faculty Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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From the President

*It's our job
to help you
stay connected*

Warren Buffett regularly says, "Listen to people in their 80s, they know what's important." I believe that. But people in their 80s often find it difficult to be heard and to be taken seriously.



Don Stedman

RFA offers an opportunity for University faculty and senior staff retirees to be heard. And, importantly, to share their opinions, interests and needs in the right way, at the right time, to the right people.

RFA offers ways to stay educated, informed and involved. It offers a resource for preparing for and enriching our retirement years, and for staying as connected as we want to be.

We are still part of the Carolina family. We should savor that privilege and enjoy the respect and responsibility that comes with it.

As your President, for the time allotted to me to help strengthen and lead RFA, I will work hard, with the entire Leadership Team, to express all of our interests and points of view and to help all of us enjoy the benefits of retirement and continuing relationships with our great University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Please join us for our first Fall Convocation on Sept. 16 at the Friday Center. Help us expand our membership. Join the fun and the debates.

The world doesn't end with retirement. It opens up new opportunities and ways of enjoying life.

Fall gathering is more than just a meeting

Bruce Cairns, the newly elected Chair of the Faculty, will kick off the RFA's Fall Convocation by telling us about the issues facing the University and how he expects the faculty to address them through the Faculty Council.

He will also touch on his other responsibilities as Professor of Surgery and Director of the Jaycee Burn Center. He will speak during the luncheon at the start of the convocation, which will include discussion sessions on the recent Odum Institute survey of the retired faculty and on plans for an Academy of Emeriti Scholars (see story below). All this will begin, Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center.

Many retirees may remember Bruce Cairns from his youth. He attended Chapel Hill High School in the late 1970s and has said he remembers buying jelly from the Jaycees to help start the burn center he now heads. His father, Bob Cairns, was the founding director of UNC's Center for Developmental Science. Bob died in 1999; his widow, Bev, still lives in Chapel Hill.

The sessions after the luncheon will let retired faculty take part in sessions on opportunities and challenges before the University. Please join us in shaping our future.

The story behind our plans

By Andrew Dobelstein

The UNC Retired Faculty Association has committed to establishing the UNC Academy of Emeriti Scholars in response to a growing interest among retired faculty for resources that will support their academic interests.

Although treatment of retired faculty had been discussed for years, it gained attention in 2008, when the Senior Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for Humanities and Fine Arts, William Andrews, named a committee of retired faculty members to report on the status of emeritus

RFA Fall Convocation
Tuesday, Sept. 16, noon to 3 p.m.
The Friday Center

Speaker:

Bruce Cairns

Chair of the Faculty, director of the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center

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professors, according to a report by Jaroslav Folda, a Professor Emeritus of the History of Art, who headed the committee.

This report documented a longstanding supposition that retired faculty were unceremoniously "terminated" from the University, that the University was unable or unwilling to keep track of retired faculty, that a general lack of interest existed on the part of the University Administration to engage retired faculty with the University's ongoing activities, and that

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Association notes:

Here's how to get library privileges

Many people responding to the recent survey of retired faculty members said they would like to have library privileges. Well, as a retired faculty member, you do have access to the libraries on campus. Here are the steps to getting your library privileges activated:

1) Call Ruth Holt in HR at 919-962-3055 and ask her to make sure you are on the "university affiliate" list.

2) Once you are on the affiliate list, you just need to go down to the One Card office to get your card. Make sure you bring a driver's license or other valid identification with you. Getting to the One Card Office is a little tricky; the office is the lower level of Student Stores. The good news is that the office opens at 7:30 am, so you may be able to grab a quick parking space and get in and out before the morning rush. Or better yet, get someone to drop you off and pick you up when you're finished.

See the University Gazette: Many in the survey expressed a desire to see the University Gazette on a timely and regular basis. With this link, you have it: gazette.unc.edu.

— Virginia Taylor

Howes, Dobelstein join Faculty Council

Jonathan Howes, new President-elect of RFA and Andy Dobelstein, a Past President of RFA, have been elected to the Faculty Council repre-

sented retired faculty. New Faculty Council Chair Bruce Cairns said he looked forward to their active representation on the Council.

Important dates for voting in the general election

- Sept. 5 — Absentee voting by mail begins.
- Oct. 10 — Deadline to register to vote in General Election
- Oct. 23-Nov. 1 — Early voting period for General Election
- Oct. 28 — Last day to request absentee ballot
- Nov. 4 — Election Day

NOTE: Of 6.5 million registered voters in NC, 15.8 percent voted in May 2014 primaries.

Weiss remembers Robin Williams

RFA member Stephen Weiss, a retired professor of computer science, recently shared his memories of Robin Williams' time on campus filming "Patch Adams" on the Chapelboro.com website. Weiss said he was amazed how Williams mixed professionalism in with his playfulness. Read the full interview at: <http://tinyurl.com/RFA-Weiss>.

Learn more about The Class of 2018

For a look at the makeup of UNC-Chapel Hill's class of 2018 go to this link: TinyURL.com/UNC2018



Men at work
RFA bigwigs lent a hand at the Aug. 22 Friday Center showcase. From left, past Presidents Donald Boulton and Andrew Dobelstein, and President-elect Jonathan Howes.

The background behind Emeriti Academy

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University offered little support or encouragement for retirees to continue taking part in the life of the University.

A boost from AROHE

Also in 2008, as part of its effort to engage retired faculty in post-retirement academic activities, the Retired Faculty Association joined an international group, the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). UNC RFA worked with North Carolina State University and North Carolina Central University to sponsor AROHE's biennial 2012 national conference on the Carolina campus.

The conference created a greater awareness of the dearth of post-retirement research and teaching opportunities for UNC's retired faculty and in turn fostered a closer partnership with UNC administration over the continuing interests of retired faculty.

Subsequently, the RFA Executive Committee invited Leonard Gordon, Dean of the outstanding Emeritus College at Arizona State University, to Chapel Hill to consult with RFA, University officials and interested retired faculty. This three-day consultation last spring concluded with a commitment from the RFA Executive Committee to move ahead with efforts to establish the foundation for an emeriti

college.

The UNC Academy of Emeriti Scholars will give the retired faculty the opportunity to continue their research, teaching and service to the community and receive support for their academic pursuits. It is designed to promote a continued productive life for retired faculty and to afford continuity for the intellectual legacy of the University.

The Academy recognizes our retired faculty's sustained intellectual achievements, ensures the inspiration of future scholars and enhances the University of North Carolina's ongoing pursuit of excellence.

Promoting scholarship

Memberships in the UNC Academy of Emeriti Scholars is open to all retired faculty members of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It will provide a collegial environment with like-minded retired faculty members and quarterly meetings with other emeriti scholars to discuss progress on research activities. It will help

Reception ahead

The Friday Center will host its annual reception for retired faculty on Monday, March 23, 2015, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All UNC retired faculty and their guests are invited.

the University by accepting requests for studied information on specific topics, providing consultation to departments on matters of concern and considering other requests from the University that might be appropriate for retired faculty members.

Members may serve on University committees, participate on dissertation and thesis committees and mentor junior faculty.

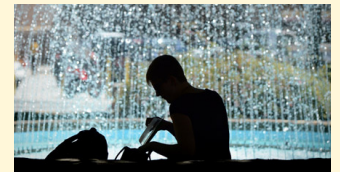
An independent body

The UNC Academy of Emeriti Scholars will function as an independent, self-governing program of the RFA. The Academy will be based at the Friday Center and operate consistent with the 2014 formal agreement between the Friday Center and the Retired Faculty Association, the 2010 letter of agreement with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill recognizing the Retired Faculty Association as a distinct University organization housed in the existing office of the UNC Office of Faculty Governance, and the 2011 Faculty Council resolution creating a division of Retired Faculty within the Council.

The Retired Faculty Association will work with the Friday Center and the Office of the Provost to develop sources of funding to support the work of the Academy.

UNC Retired Faculty Association Fall Convocation Luncheon registration for Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014

Fill out form, clip and mail with your check to:
Treasurer, UNC Retired Faculty Association
2119 Markham Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2122



Your name _____

Amount

Number of luncheon reservations @ \$16.00 (_____) _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Luncheon reservations must be received by Sept. 12

If you think your check might not be delivered by then, please notify us at uncrfa@gmail.com or 919-942-2192.

A note on parking: Permits are now required at the Friday Center. Electronic permits will be sent out to those who sign up for the meeting, and cars with handicapped permits don't need a Friday Center permit. Other visitors should park at the curb and get a pass from the front desk before parking in the lot.



Chancellor links with UNC's past
 Chancellor Carol Folt recently met some of her predecessors during a visit to Carolina Meadows, where they live. With Folt are, from left, former Chancellor Paul Hardin, with his wife, Barbara, former Chancellor Bill Aycock; and Barbara Fordham, widow of former Chancellor Chris Fordham. The visit was arranged by the Hardins and RFA President Don Stedman.

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