Employee Forum Update
Board of Trustees Meeting September 25, 2013
Monthly Book Selection Pilot

- The titles will be offered at 25% off the cover price at Bulls Head Book Shop

- October: You Don’t Need a Title to Be a Leader by Mark Sanborn

- November: Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South: Race, Identity and the Making of a Nation by Malinda Maynor Lowry, UNC Faculty

- December: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

- January: The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin

- February: The Making of a Southern Democracy: North Carolina Politics from Kerr Scott to Pat McCrory by Tom Eamon

- March: Love 2.0 by Barbara Frederickson, UNC Faculty
Lifelong Honorary Delegate, Karol Gray
Forum delegates and staff help with flood

By Dan Barreneche
Vice Chair

Martin Chauvin, a weekend shift supervisor in Housekeeping Services, was reacting to the end of his eight-hour shift on June 50 when the flooding began. He remained on campus with a crew member until 1 a.m. to coordinate cleanup efforts after the rain stopped. Chauvin saw the strong flash flooding destroy computers, books and carpeting. He even saw a door ripped from its hinges as a result of the strong flash flooding.

Chauvin was just one of many university employees who worked in the weeks following the flood to make sure the water didn’t impact the start of fall semester.

And as the rains subsided, Chauvin helped to repair buildings across campus, including Baby Hill Student Family Housing, Wilson Library and Golds Doris. And he witnessed staff from all over the University who came together to minimize the destruction.

Employee Forum Delegates Marilyn Coach and James Holman participated in the cleanup efforts. Coach reported that Merl’s Residence Hall, one of the hardest hit buildings, had not yet been completely repaired. Holman noted that Bear Village 5 by the Dean Dome was blanketed with red mud, the white tile floor and walls covered with several inches of soil from the entrance through the lobby and into the elevator. Restoring the building required hours of labor, including not vacuuming to remove the water, floor scrubbing to loosen the soil, washing and disposing of debris.

We would like to thank all of the hardworking and dedicated Carolina employees who responded to the flooding on campus. We appreciate the staff and their dedication.

Buzzing through the Carolina Campus Community Garden

By Adeline Meddler
Forum Delegate

In the spring of 2010, a surprising new crop was planted in the Carolina Campus Community Garden: bee hives. Anne Calhoun, a hobbyist beekeeper since 2007, tends two of the four hives at the garden. I talked to Anne about honey bees.

She sees her beekeeping craft as a young, long-sleeved shirt, closed toe shoes, and the traditional hat with netting; nothing too dark. She said “I forget to make her watch off, we’re likely to get under her black watch strap and get caught.” She also carried a smoker, a tool to keep the frames hot, and a bottle of sugar water. Honey bees are not aggressive unless they feel the hive is threatened. When a bee is injured, it releases a pheromone alerting the other bees and signaling the hive in danger. Anne uses the smoker to mask the pheromone, which keeps the bees in their nest.

There are approximately 65,000 bees in a single hive and they have a range of two to five miles. The queen bee lives three to four years. By having two hives, Anne is able to juggle the worker population between the hive to keep them from overpopulating. At the same time, she must ensure they are strong enough to resist pests and predators.

As long as there is room for the queen to lay eggs, the bees stay in the hive and do not swarm. Beekeepers try to prevent swarming because the old queen leaves, taking most of the hive population with her.

She leaves behind caretakers to tend the queen eggs, which means there will be no honey production until the new queen hatches and starts reproducing workers.

The hives themselves are a pair of boxes with vertical frames to support the wax honeycomb. The frames make it possible for the beekeeper to extract the honeycomb and check for disease or pests. A sensor, or third box, is placed on top of these with an envelope between it and the lower two boxes. The envelope keeps the queen bee out of the upper box, so she cannot lay eggs near the honey that will eventually be harvested.

It’s vital not to harvest any honey during the first year of a hive, as the new hive is building its population and reserves to last them through the winter. Anne said she harvests the honey in July and freezes sugar water to feed the bees from August through April. She also makes certain they have access to water. The sugar water ensures the hive has enough food to keep the hive strong through the winter. She stops feeding in April to begin the honey collected in July is from flowers, not sugar water.

To date, there has not been a large enough harvest to add to the distribution. In 2011, the harvest was so small the honey was lost as samples for publicizing the garden. The hive died last winter, so new packages were installed and are rebuilding this year. Anne is hoping for enough honey next summer to add to the distribution.

The hives serve another purpose: teaching White Anne and I were talking, a volunteer comes by with her two children. They asked questions and had a chance to see bees and honeycombs up close. There’s also a workshop every year on beekeeping. Just like honey and wax, the hives are multipurpose.
Summer Flood
# Above and Beyond the Call of Duty

## Building Services
- Mark Bristol
- William Robertson

## Campus Maintenance
- Corey Fehr
- Danny Hall
- Ricky Robinson
- Randy Young
- Doug Horner
- Scott Roney
- James Givens
- Bob Mazurek
- Bobby Clark
- David Gonzalez
- Josh Pate
- Mike Lloyd

## Design & Construction
### Plumbing
- William Jimenez

## Energy Management
### EMCS
- Matthew Day

## Grounds
- Bridget Baucom
- Steve Gooch
- Tom Bythell
- Mark Moon

## Housing Support
- Bob Humphreys
- Steve Payne
- Ken Boycher
- Jim Stanley

## Housekeeping
- Darius Dixon
- Herb Richmond

### Zone 201
- Hey Blut
- Ma Thet
- Jessica Ruiz
- Carnella Blackwell
- Steven Goulart

### Zone 227
- Martin Chavious
- Jyerrick Graves (Temp)

### Zone 217
- Marian Peppers
- Randy Barbee

## HVAC
- Robbie Everhart
- Mike Adams
- Artie Neese

## Life Safety
- Doug Fleming
- Steve Coombs
- Barry Bradley
- David Sharpe