

# RFA News

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

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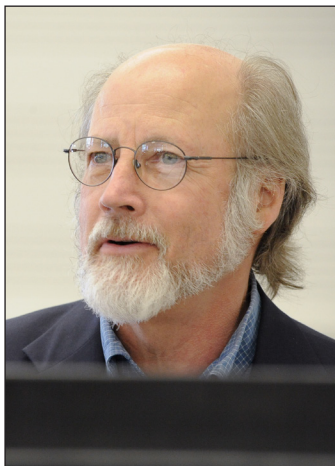
## Bland Simpson: Teacher, author, musician, to speak

Bland Simpson, Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professor of English and Creative Writing, author of numerous books and member of the acclaimed string band Red Clay Ramblers, will be the RFA's guest speaker at its luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Friday Center.

Simpson titles his talk "The Sound Country & Coasts of Carolina: Stories" Simpson plans to read short pieces from his writing and discuss his work in and about eastern North Carolina.

Luncheon reservations cost \$17 each and are due by Sept. 7. Complete the form on Page 3 and mail it with your check to Treasurer, UNC Retired Faculty Association, P.O. Box 4003, Chapel Hill, NC 27515. RFA encourages everyone to sign up for the luncheon. The \$17 fee is for the luncheon; RFA members and guests are welcome to attend the 10:30 a.m. meeting, and Simpson's talk, without charge.

Simpson's next book, "The Coasts of Carolina: Seaside to Sound Country," will be pub-



**BLAND SIMPSON**

*Next book out in November*

lished in November by UNC Press.

A teacher since 1982 in UNC-Chapel Hill's Creative Writing Program and the program's director from 2002 to mid-2008, Simpson has written fiction and nonfiction, most of it centered on North Carolina and the South.

Since 1986 a member of the Tony Award-winning, internationally acclaimed Red Clay Ramblers, he has toured extensively in North America, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. He has collaborated on or contributed to numerous musical shows, including Tony-nominated "Pump Boys & Dinettes" and Tony Award-winning "Fool Moon."

## Strauss lauds RFA-UNC collaboration, foresees progress

*Here is his letter to editor of RFA News*

I just received the excellent Summer 2010 RFA Newsletter and wanted to write to thank Andy Dobelstein and Bobbie Lubker for their RFA leadership and welcome my long-time friend and colleague, Dr. Charles Milone to the RFA Presidency. Charles and I were both colleagues in the UNC School of Dentistry's Department of Dental Ecology and had the amazing experience of working together one summer in Pinalejo, Honduras. Accompanied by dental students, we worked on a rural global dental service project in which we did numerous dental extractions and other dental procedures under a large mango tree adjacent to a church-related clinic. I will never forget the fortitude of our patients there – who walked many miles into the clinic on small foot-trails - and also the beauty of the lush vegetation that surrounded this mountain village. It was the start of a wonderful working relationship with Charles which I hope will translate into continuing the fine on-going collaboration between UNC and the RFA.

Please know that as UNC's liaison to RFA, I am pleased and excited to work with you as we move forward. I believe we have made considerable progress this past 2 years and expect the coming year to

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**RON STRAUSS**

*Executive associate provost*

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**Next RFA luncheon meeting**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Friday Center**

**Speaker: Bland Simpson**  
*Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished  
Term Professor of English and Creative Writing*

**Registration for lunch: \$17.00**  
*Registration form on Page 3*

## Milone spells out goals for RFA's year

*Build on progress made last year under Dobelstein's leadership*

By **CHARLES MILONE**  
UNC RFA President

Goals for the Retired Faculty Association are important, and it's up to the Executive Committee to spell them out. Ernest Kraybill, Executive Committee member at large, charged incoming officers "to maintain the momentum established this year with UNC Administration and to work with peer groups within the UNC System and AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education).

RFA goals for this academic year are:

**BUILD** on the progress made with the University in the past year under Andy Dobelstein:

- The two Faculty Council delegates, Charles Milone and Doris Betts, participate in monthly Council meetings.
- Reduce mailing expense by using email for all members who have email and by bulk mailing under the University permit.
- Monitor the One Card system recently improved by the University to make sure it is serving UNC retirees well.
- Continue to seek new ways of relating to the University for our mutual benefit.

**WORK** under Bobbie Lubker's direction to ensure that this year's preparation for the AROHE Conference scheduled here in 2012 is adequate for the needs.

**SEARCH** for information useful to members and provide that information on such issues as health, daily living, and individual members' ideas and accomplishments, primarily through the Newsletter.

**REFINE** the RFA portion of the University Website and keep it current to make it more accessible and interesting to members.

**SEEK** ideas from any member willing to share them that will improve the workings and atmosphere of UNC RFA.

**MAKE** an all-out effort to control expenditures and increase revenue to stabilize our financial balance and decrease our annual deficits.

We will take time at our September meeting to discuss these goals and solicit your suggestions.

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be an excellent time to continue our plans. It is notable to see that together we have: clarified RFA's status within the University, arranged bulk mail, implemented RFA representation to Faculty Council, approved UNC letterhead use for RFA, implemented retired faculty directory listing, assured continuous ONYEN cards and encouraged the RFA's University Day presence. Quite a set of accomplishments!

In the upcoming year, I hope to see us work on: parking fees, improved website presence, plans for the AROHE Annual Meeting along with NCSU and NCCU (2012 national meeting in Chapel Hill!). If you have thoughts about next steps, I would love to hear from you.

Thank you so much for making it a

## Retired faculty to march together on University Day

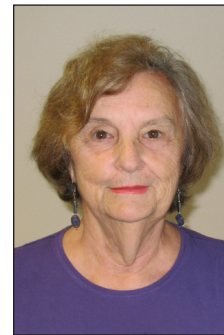
Retired faculty members will participate as a group on University Day on October 12. This traditional day is a special celebration for the University and always an uplifting time.

In the light of RFA's desire to become more visible and active on the campus, its executive committee felt that the organization's presence on University Day would contribute to that experience. Ron Strauss, executive associate provost, who is responsible for University Day arrangements, also has encouraged the participation of the retired faculty organization. RFA officers urge a strong turnout for the event.

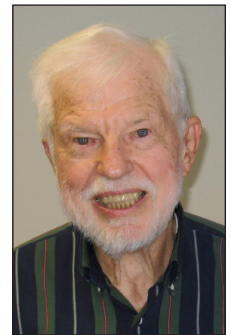
Details will be discussed at RFA's September 14 meeting; so dig out your old academic regalia and see if it still fits.

pleasure to work together! Please plan to attend the 2010 University Day events. The speaker this year is Professor Heather Munroe-Blum, the 16th Principal (President) and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Dr. Munroe-Blum holds a PhD in Epidemiology from UNC-Chapel Hill and is a leading expert in epidemiology, public policy and academic leadership. If you have academic regalia, please march with the faculty; if not, come and sit in the audience and help celebrate UNC's birthday. University Day 2010 is on Tuesday October 12, from 10 a.m. to noon in Memorial Hall; please watch for details as the time gets closer. This year we will ask the Retired Faculty to rise and be recognized.

With my best,  
Ron Strauss



BETTS



MILONE

## Betts and Milone are RFA reps to University's Faculty Council

RFA President Charles Milone and Doris Betts, at-large member of RFA's Executive Committee, will represent RFA as ex-officio delegates to the UNC-Chapel Hill Faculty Council for the 2010-2011 academic year.

### *What's your story? Share it with fellow retirees*

Everyone has a story to tell. What is yours? Your colleagues in the growing community of retired UNC-Chapel Hill faculty are interested in swapping stories about what you and they have been doing in retirement.

Are you helping to build houses for Habitat for Humanity? Finally writing that book you'd been putting off? Traveling to fascinating places? Tutoring? Teaching courses at a senior center?

Your UNC Retired Faculty Association invites you to send us an email, briefly telling us what you have been up to in retirement or what you plan to do. Some of these stories will make their way to the RFA's Website, where others can enjoy reading them.

To get started, send a note to Raleigh Mann, editor of the RFA News, and he'll get in touch with you. Find him at [rmann1@nc.rr.com](mailto:rmann1@nc.rr.com).

**UNC-CH RFA - TREASURER'S REPORT - 17 AUGUST 2010**

2008											
BALANCE	RECEIPTS BY QUARTER				EXPENSES BY QUARTER				BALANCE		
01JAN08	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	31DEC08		
CARRYOVER	3778									3778	
DUES		1270	670	465	480					2885	
MAILINGS						632	532	740	594	-2498	
FACILITIES						325	200	300		-825	
LUNCH		720	975	675	425	583	848	713	367	285	
AROEHE						100			1135	-1235	
MISCELLANY		8	9	9	10		57	5		-27	
GIFTS			900		20	3	429	16	3	469	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3778</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2554</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>2067</b>	<b>1773</b>	<b>2099</b>	<b>2832</b>	
2009											
BALANCE	RECEIPTS BY QUARTER				EXPENSES BY QUARTER				BALANCE		
01JAN09	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	31DEC09		
CARRYOVER	2363									2363	
DUES		1305	325	671	270					2571	
MAILINGS						556	694	1109	510	-2870	
FACILITIES						200	175	175		-550	
LUNCH		720	555	991	825	641	542	930	826	153	
AROEHE						100				-100	
MISCELLANY		9	14	14	12	107	42		230	-331	
GIFTS	469	135			11	3	3	3	3	603	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2832</b>	<b>2169</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1676</b>	<b>1117</b>	<b>1607</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>2217</b>	<b>1569</b>	<b>1839</b>	
2010											
BALANCE	RECEIPTS BY QUARTER				EXPENSES BY QUARTER				BALANCE		
01JAN10	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	11AUG10		
CARRYOVER	1236									1236	
DUES		1060	380	100						1540	
MAILINGS						450	471	(see#4)		-920	
FACILITIES						510	175			-685	
LUNCH		589	527			620	543			-47	
AROEHE						100				-100	
MISCELLANY		8	7	4			44			-25	
GIFTS	603	71 (see#3)				3	3	2		666	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1839</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>1683</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>1665</b>	

Notes:

- 1) The computer program that produces these tables accounts for pennies, but rounds to dollars for presentation. The exact total of \$1665.08 includes three accounts at State Employees' Credit Union: checking \$254.49, money market \$1348.85, and shares \$61.74. The small amounts shown as receipts under MISCELLANY constitute the interest on our accounts.
- 2) As of 17 August, 104 members have paid dues for 2010. (This does not include our honorary member, but does include one member who has since resigned.) Of these, 13 prepaid in 2009, their \$190 in payments being included as receipts for that year. There were 190 members with dues paid for 2009.
- 3) Receipts for GIFTS in 2010 Q1 include \$5 donations from 14 members who paid \$20 for dues while the \$15 rate was still in effect.
- 4). There has been one mailing already in 2010 Q3, but no bill for it has been received yet. Dana Quade, Treasurer

## Leadership Award nominees sought

Nominees continue to be sought for the UNC RFA's annual Leadership Award. Each year, the UNC Retired Faculty Association honors a retired faculty member with its Leadership Award, which recognizes the leadership of a UNC-Chapel Hill faculty member who has made a significant contribution to the University of North Carolina Retired Faculty Association and/or to her or his discipline.

To be eligible for the award, a faculty member must be an active member of the UNC-CH Retired Faculty Association in good standing and be recognized as having made noteworthy contributions to the university as well as the community during the past five years.

Please forward names of nominees and supporting documents for the 2010-11 Leadership Award to Tom Scott at [tscott@email.unc.edu](mailto:tscott@email.unc.edu)

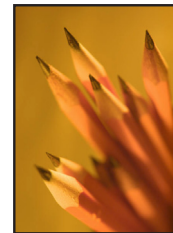
## Exec. committee meeting rescheduled to Oct. 13

Because of retired faculty's participation in University Day activities on campus on Tuesday, October 12, the RFA executive meeting, initially scheduled on that date, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at Carolina Meadows.

All RFA members are welcome to attend executive committee meetings.

### UNC Retired Faculty Association meeting Luncheon registration for Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Fill out form, tear off and mail with your check to:  
 Treasurer, UNC Retired Faculty Association  
 P.O. Box 4003  
 Chapel Hill, NC 27515



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of luncheon reservations @ \$17.00 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

2010 dues (if not yet paid) @ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Amount

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***Lunch reservations must be received by September 7.***

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