OUT & ABOUT WITH STEVE

Over the winter, we asked you, the employees of the University System, to evaluate our communications across our many locations. Over 60% of you responded and this new employee newsletter is a direct result of your feedback. As you can see, our theme is “our people, programs, and progress” and the content reflects this. The profile of Ed Harvey and his efforts to assist Habitat for Humanity is a great example.

The newsletter will serve as a pilot for the year and will be distributed electronically. It is being carefully timed so each of the three editions contains relevant and current information. We’ll be asking for your feedback to help us make sure that it is as useful as possible.

The June edition will correspond with the annual Board of Trustees meeting where we approve our budgets and any leadership changes. The October edition will also be timed with our Board meeting and preview the direction our Board plans to take for USNH for the coming biennial budget. The January edition will provide information on any benefits changes and also on our legislative agenda as the General Court prepares to reconvene.

As you can see by the press releases cited in this edition, “change” is an over-riding theme. Last month, I announced my intention to step down as chancellor in June 2009, and at our Board meeting on June 26th, Ed Dupont was selected as its new chair, taking over from Andy Lietz who has resigned after four years of dedicated service in this capacity. Other long-serving board members, including former Governor Walter Peterson and UNH alumnus Jack Lawson are also retiring. In all, our 27-member Board will have seven new faces.

Change always brings with it new ideas and energy. I look forward to working with all of you in this coming year on our common goal – to run a complex organization as efficiently as possible so our institutions can concentrate their efforts on educating our future workforce and citizenry. Have a great summer!

CATCHING UP WITH COLLEAGUES

Ed Harvey, USNH’s Runner, Swimmer, Paddler, and Peddler

This June, Ed Harvey ran, swam, paddled, and pedaled many miles, sometimes wearing a construction helmet and carrying a hammer to help raise awareness of and support for Habitat for Humanity. In five years, he hopes to build upon his efforts and establish a specific event that can advance the organization's impact in the region.

Ed has been with USNH since 2005 and works as a senior accountant as well as a part time fitness trainer at UNH. He participated in three triathlons in June that included some combination of running, swimming, kayaking, and biking. The races were structured differently depending on location and terrain. For example, the Bristol, NH race included a .93 mile swim, a 27.25 miles bike leg, and a 5.7 mile run. He completed this in two hours and 41 minutes.

An avid runner who was a member of his high school track team and ran in several marathons, Ed’s first race was as an eight year old with his dad, a New York City policeman. This race, dubbed “the finest versus the bravest,” pitted local policemen against firemen. “The firemen always won because they don't sit in their cars all day,” Ed recalled.

At the marathons and other events in which he has participated, Ed has seen many teams of racers wearing matching t-shirts working in support of such organizations as the Leukemia Foundation or American Cancer Society. He wanted to see if he could do something similar for Habitat for Humanity, an organization he has supported and volunteered for in the past.

“Marathon runners and triathletes are incredibly motivated and can accomplish a lot, Ed said. “I want to tap into their drive and love for what they are doing.”

Habitat for Humanity is a well-known international organization that taps volunteers to build and renovate houses for people in need. They have a local office in Portsmouth with a very small staff and working with the organization often required working directly with a centralized international office.

He ran his first triathlon to specifically benefit Habitat for Humanity two years ago and raised nearly $2,000. “My goal is... continued on page 2
NEWS & BOARD NOTES

- **USNH Board Sets Tuition and Fees for FY08-09** – The cost of attending USNH institutions will increase by 5.2 to 7.2 percent for the coming academic year. These rates and the overall FY08-09 operating budget for the University System were approved by the Board at their June 26 meeting.

- **Ed Dupont to Succeed Andy Lietz as Board Chair** – Ed Dupont was selected by his peers to be the next chairman of the USNH Board of Trustees on July 1. He will take over from Andy Lietz, who served as chair for four years and announced his plans to step down earlier this year.

- **USNH Chancellor to Step Down in June 2009** – Chancellor Stephen Reno announced that he will step down effective June 30, 2009. He will be the longest serving chancellor at that time and made his announcement early to give the USNH Board sufficient time to develop succession plans.

- **“In the News” section launched on web site**
  Read local media coverage in one place. Visit www.usnh.edu and choose In The News from the media tab.

COMINGS & GOINGS

We say goodbye to Sue Desrosiers after 15 years of service to USNH with the last several years working for the FAST group as a Senior Information Support Assistant. She is taking off with her husband in their new RV to tour the country visiting friends and their two daughters! Goodbye Sue, we’ll miss you!

Gary Cilley joined the staff in the Office of Research and Planning on June 2, 2008. He assumed the position of Director of Transfer and his office is in Dunlap 203. Gary was the Senior Associate Director of Admissions at UNH and had the responsibility to oversee the transfer review process at UNH for many years. He brings 24 years of experience working with transfer students and will be responsible for implementing the new web-based transfer articulation software for USNH and the Community College System of NH (CCSNH).

As of June 30th, Tina Newberry will be back with USNH as a full time PAT in a job sharing position with GSC. Tina worked for PSU for several years before coming to USNH and GSC in contract and hourly Web Administrator positions. She has been with the system for six years. In her new position as Communication and Information Coordinator, Tina will manage print, web and special projects. She is part of the External Relations team at USNH and the Marketing and Communications team at GSC.

Liz Baillargeon is joining USNH on a permanent basis as of 7/1/08. She has been working with the GSC BSC as an hourly Business Services Assistant II for over eighteen months providing service to the GSC community primarily in the areas of accounts payable and Pcards. Liz earned her AA from Granite State College in 2003 and is looking forward to working on her bachelor’s degree in the very near future.

Jay Lamoureux has accepted the Manager of Disbursement Services position in USNH Financial Services. Jay will have direct responsibility for managing the USNH disbursement operations of Payroll, AP and Travel. Jay is a lifelong resident of Dover, returning home after completing a career in the Navy. He brings to USNH many years of experience in finance and management that will ensure our continued success in maintaining and improving our operations.

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to build a Habitat team,” he said, but called his work to date a “humble effort” because of the limited local presence and the lack of a local online payment system for sponsors. He did not fundraise last year and instead used the time to develop a stronger network of support and a website that could promote his efforts and handle online transactions. His wife Heather led this effort.

The efforts have begun to pay off. He has built relationships with the local Habitat staff and is tapping 500-1,000 people who are friends of the organization through a newsletter and e-mail. He has convinced local radio stations to run public service announcements to encourage support. Ed has raised $3,320 to date for Habitat for Humanity.

The next step is to engage more of these area triathletes who would put their skills to work on behalf of Habitat for Humanity and also look for an opportunity to start up a new race or encourage an existing race organizer to dedicate a race to the cause. “By 2013 I’d like to have a series of Habitat races,” he said, and plans to run them with a hardhat.

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