UDARF Welcomes Dr. Harker

It was Board of Trustees Chairman Howard E. Cosgrove who persuaded Dr. Patrick Harker to visit the UD campus after he originally had decided to remain at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business.

What he saw upon arriving in Newark, Dr. Harker told his UDARF luncheon audience, was a university “on the brink of prominence” in the top tier of American higher education.

The incoming president said he was impressed by the beauty and quality of the campus, and the enthusiasm of the faculty, the students and the local residents.

That experience motivated him to notify Chairman Cosgrove that he had changed his mind and would accept the University’s offer.

This marked the second time that the University had sought to recruit Dr. Harker. Former football coach Tubby Raymond invited him to become a Blue Hen more than two decades ago, but on that occasion he
had accepted a similar offer from Penn.

Dr. Harker, who has had broad experience as both teacher and administrator, said he regards the role of president as that of managing partner rather than chief executive officer. He hopes to initiate a “conversation” with the Newark community and various campus groups in the coming year that will help shape the University’s future. “Faculty are the heart and soul of the institution”, he said, “and they must help determine its priorities and the direction it must take to best meet the needs of the state. The University should be a magnet for talent and must prepare its graduates to meet the demands of an increasingly global society.”

Hollowell to Retire

David Hollowell, Executive Vice President and Treasurer, who has been responsible for major improvements in campus facilities and student services, will retire at the end of the academic year. His achievements have been recognized not only locally, but by leading national organizations. In 1997 he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Society for College and University Planning and in 2005 he was named an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects and its Delaware Chapter. He also has been treasurer of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. His wife, Kathleen, recently retired after serving as director of the UD Mathematics and Science Resource Center.

Alison Award Winner

Mark J. Miller, Emma Smith Morris Professor of Political Science and International Relations, was chosen to receive the Francis Alison Award in May. This award, which recognizes scholarship, professional achievement and dedication to the UD, was established by the Board of Trustees in 1978. Professor Miller is especially known for his work on international immigrations. He has lived and taught extensively in France, has been a lecturer for the U. S. Department of State and has
been editor of the “International Migration Review”

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Women's Equity Award

Professor of Horticulture Sherry Kitts has been named the 2006 recipient of the E. Arthur Trabant Award for Women’s Equity. A faculty member since 1984, Dr. Kitts has served on both the Commission on the Status of Women and the subcommittee, Women in Science and Engineering.

Professor Pamela Cook, chair of the Commission, presented the award at a May 7 luncheon, noting that Ms. Kitts’ nomination had been “widely supported” by faculty, administrators, and both graduate and undergraduate students.

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Poet Laureate Departs

Professor of English Fleda S. Brown, who has been Delaware's Poet Laureate since 2001 and a UD faculty member for almost three decades, moved to Michigan during the summer. She recently retired, as has her husband, Professor Jerry Beasley. Dr. Brown's sixth book of poetry, "Reunion", published by the University of Wisconsin Press, was awarded the 2007 Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry.

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Striking the Right Chord

The ability of music to excite, delight and unite was never more evident than in the performance of the University of Delaware Chorale in the 10th International Choir Festival in Tallinn, Estonia, in May.

The 57-member mixed chorus under the direction of Dr. Paul D. Head climaxed a tour of Scandinavian countries by winning the festival in competition with more than 40 top choirs from all parts of the world. The competition was conducted in three categories—mixed chorus, contemporary music and renaissance and baroque. Only the most successful choirs in these areas qualified to compete for the Grand
Prix.

The announcement of the overall winner before a capacity audience in Tallinn’s handsome concert hall was filmed by a television crew. Clips of the ceremony and final performance later appeared on the internet on Youtube.

For their final number, the choir presented the American spiritual, “Ain’t Got Time to Die”, and by the time they reached the final chorus, the entire audience was on its feet, clapping in rhythm with the performers. It was a memorable moment.

It is noteworthy that this was the first victory by an American choral group in this prestigious competition since 1994. Not only was it a well-deserved triumph by a dedicated group of hardworking students, but an achievement that reflected positively on the University, our state and our nation.

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Thought for the Day

Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction.

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Race Produces Valuable Income

About 175 runners participated in the second annual "Run for Their Future" five kilometer run and walk on May 5 on the James Hall Trail. Sponsored by the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, it earned $5,150.

The race was established in 2006 by Max White, a UD alumnus, to support the Collaborative Effort to Reinforce Transition Success Adult Action, a program for young adults with multiple disabilities.

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Blue Hen Teams Perform Well

Delaware's spring sports teams in lacrosse and baseball gave Blue Hen
fans much to cheer about.

The lacrosse team, under the guidance of Coach Bob Shillinglaw, became the first men’s varsity team to win a Colonial Athletic League championship since Delaware joined the conference in 2001-2002.

In defeating Towson, 10-7, in the championship game, Delaware received an automatic bid to this year’s NCAA tournament, and stunned the lacrosse world by eliminating the defending national champion University of Virginia team, 14-8, in the first round. In the quarterfinals, the Hens played tenaciously before losing to the eventual 2007 champion, Johns Hopkins University, 8-3. It is a tribute to the Blue Hens that they held Hopkins to fewer goals than top-seeded Duke, its opponent in the championship game.

Delaware’s baseball team also closed a fine season with a 32-21 record. Coach Jim Sherman’s team lost the CAA championship in its final outing against Virginia Commonwealth, 10-4, a 13-inning game that was the longest in the history of the tournament.

Arts Center Named

At a gala dedicatory celebration on June 3, 2007. "The Louise and David Roselle Center for the Arts" was named. Noted artist Peter Egeli's portrait of the couple hangs in the Center. (See UDaily.)

The handsome new building, situated between Orchard and Elkton Roads, houses a 450-seat proscenium theatre, a recital hall, orchestra hall, a theatre rehearsal room and 32 individual practice rooms.

In Memoriam

Ms. Elizabeth Crook, Professor of Music, May 10, 2007.

Mrs. Joanne Elizabeth Currier Daiber, age 80, February 16, 2007. Mrs. Daiber was the first woman marine biologist hired by the University of Delaware, joining the faculty in 1951. A scholarship fund
in her name, established in 2000, supports women graduate students in the College of Marine and Earth Studies.

Dr. Helen Gouldner, 83, former Dean of the College of Arts & Science and Professor Emerita of Sociology, July 24, 2007.


Dr. Victor A. Lotrich, 72, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, May 24, 2007.