

2 Medical School Professors Receive State's Highest Award

Gov. Hunt Presents Schopler, Smithies With N.C. Awards For Work With Autism, Genes

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On Friday, two University faculty members received the highest honors that the state bestows to its citizens and natives — the annual N.C. Awards, presented by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Eric Schopler, a national leader in autism diagnosis and treatment, received the award for public service, and Oliver Smithies, a leader in molecular genetics,

received the award for science.

Schopler, professor of psychology and psychiatry, is nationally recognized for his diagnoses and treatment for autism, which is defined as extreme withdrawal into fantasy.

"We've been doing an entire range of research over the years and addressing the entire range of problems with autism," he said. "We've been turning diagnosis into invention."

Schopler said his research deviated from the traditional view of autism. "Instead of viewing parents as the problem, we view parents as the main people who will be able to rehabilitate their children."

Schopler said some autism problems involved organizational skills, memory,

auditory processing and changing from one subject to another.

"(Autistics are) better at processing visually," Schopler said. "They do better with special interest than other topics. So we've developed a visual structured system that can be adjusted to every age level."

His service was recognized by the state because of his innovative view of autistic people. "I thought this was one of the most exciting points in my career. I have received other awards before, but this one was a recognition that included the families we've been working with, the colleagues and the political system," he said.

"It made me feel better than any other recognition I have received."

Stuart Bondurant, dean of the UNC

School of Medicine, said, "Dr. Eric Schopler pioneered the development of effective programs for the treatment of autism that have been adopted widely around the world to the great benefit of children and adults of autism and their families."

The second recipient, Smithies was honored for his work with gene modification.

Smithies developed the procedure of gene targeting, which alters a gene by introducing DNA from outside the cell. His work with gene targeting has aided other doctors in their research.

"We were the first people to make changes in animals," he said. "We actually corrected a gene that was faulty in a mouse. It was a symptomless disease, but the dis-

ease is not symptomless in humans.

"This is the first work to demonstrate altering of genes cells."

Smithies is beginning to research the effects of genetics on high blood pressure.

"We will be looking into the genetic factors of people who are going to get high blood pressure."

The awards recognize "notable accomplishments by N.C. citizens in the fields of scholarship, research, the fine arts and public leadership" and are given to N.C. natives or citizens of North Carolina.

Besides Smithies and Schopler, the other three recipients were: Joe Cox of Raleigh and Billy Taylor of New York for fine arts, and John Hope Franklin of Durham for literature.

Students Find Paths In Nash Hall

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You can only get so far as an "undecided" major.

The myriad of sources available at the University Counseling Center in Nash Hall is one place where students uncertain about their majors may find some direction.

Students who come to Nash Hall looking for guidance are given a test to help determine their interests.

The professionals who work there say students knowing more about themselves helps them figure out what to major in and work toward a career.

"(The Strong Interest Inventory test) does not tell what you are good at but what you are interested in," said Joy MacVane, a counselor at the center.

She said the test pointed out interests that a person had of which they might not be aware.

But the test is a tool, "not a crystal ball," she said.

Sometimes, students expect to come in, take the test and get an answer right away, MacVane said.

But it usually isn't that easy. "Finding (a major) is a process," she said.

Some people are quicker than others, but it definitely doesn't happen overnight, she said.

Students can talk to counselors regarding academic matters, but they must be self-motivated.

"We do not tell (students) what to major in," MacVane said. "We help them figure it out themselves."

The Nash Hall resource library is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A wealth of information is available on most of the graduate programs available at different institutions, as is information and applications for graduate school admission tests, like the MCAT, LSAT, GMAT and GRE.

In addition, SIGI, an interactive computer program, can answer questions about specific or general careers. Twice each semester, the counselors also hold a three-hour workshop dedicated to career exploration.

MacVane said students also could use the resources available at University Career Services in Hanes Hall. However, UCS assumes the student already knows what they want to do.

Senior Gunnar Swanson of Chapel Hill first learned about the services at Nash Hall through administrators.

"I think it's really helpful for people who are not dead sure on what they want to do," Swanson said.

He said he found the variety of resources and the counselors' willingness to help very beneficial. But he emphasized that the student also must be involved in the process.

He said the counselors were like good coaches who pushed students to find things out for themselves. "They make it easy for you to do it yourself."

Nash Hall not only offers academic counseling, but it also offers personal counseling on subjects such as stress management and interpersonal relationships.

The counselors are psychologists who are trained to help students with problems of daily living, MacVane said.

Students can make appointments to see the counselors personally, and information is strictly confidential.

In addition, the counselors coordinate an Out Reach program in which they visit different campus organizations.

The subjects explored vary from personal and interpersonal effectiveness to minority issues. MacVane, director of the program, said many residence halls requested these programs to help their residents be more productive students.

MacVane encourages students to use these services. "We have a good reputation on campus, and a lot of students come here."

Nash Hall is next to the Newman Catholic Center and behind the Carolina Inn.

Israeli Diplomat: Mideast Needs Stability

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The peace plan signed Sept. 13 by leaders of Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization marks a historic change in relations between countries of the Middle East, Ephraim Ben-Matityahu, Israeli consul for academic affairs in the United States, told a small crowd at N.C. Hillel Monday afternoon.

"This is the first time in Middle East history there is not a zero-sum gain," he told about 10 people in N.C. Hillel's library. "My success is your success, and your success is my success. We have created interdependence. It is a real turning point in the history of the Middle East. To what extent will be determined by the implementation of the peace plan."

Ben-Matityahu has been a member of the Israeli Diplomatic Corps since 1980 and has served in Egypt and Canada. He took his current post in New York two years ago.

He was visiting the Triangle for a conference about the possibility of peace in the Middle East hosted by the Middle East Studies Association.

Ben-Matityahu said a fundamental shift in political attitudes had made the recent progress possible.

"They know that we know that they know that we really mean something this time," he said. "Both sides have dropped so many aspects, ideological and political, it really gives peace a chance."

"We have developed a mechanism for success. Front channels, back channels, upper channels, and goodness knows the rumors I have heard about the activity. Things are vibrant."

Ben-Matityahu used the words of Abba Eban, former Israeli foreign minister and advocate of peace in the Middle East, to describe the Israelis' difficulty in dealing with the PLO in the period after the 1978 Camp David peace talks.

"They never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity," he said.

Ben-Matityahu said the magnitude of the peace plans and the ambition of the timetable were sometimes mind-boggling.

"What we couldn't do in the last hundred years, we are going to try to do in the next nine months," he said. "Less than a month from now, on Dec. 13, the details of the peace plan will be finalized. By April we

will be totally out of Gaza and Jericho. By July they will have free Palestinian elections."

Ben-Matityahu said he felt the weight of the future lay on the shoulders of Yasser Arafat, leader of the PLO.

"Arafat will have to concentrate on his own concerns. The faster he comes to power and assumes authority, the faster legitimization can be found and the Palestinian entity can be stabilized," he said.

Ben-Matityahu said he hoped the differences in Jewish and Arab culture would not prevent intellectual exchanges that might bring the two groups together.

"Unfortunately, Arab academia is dominated by one pulse, uniformity," he said. "Uniformity leads to conformity, and where is the place of the individual in a culture that demands conformity?"

The only way a lasting peace can be created is through the establishment of mutual cultural recognition and at least a limited respect, Ben-Matityahu said.

"Either we use the same languages and same standards and make contact, or else we use different languages and the same standards and don't understand each other."

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veloping a fund-raising campaign and putting the campaign leadership into place," Davis said.

Once the leadership is in place, a time line for further BCC planning will be established, she said.

Harry Amana, chairman of the BCC Advisory Board, said traditional fund-raising methods, such as contacting and explaining the programs, would be used.

A list of prospective donors also is being

developed, and a table of gifts, which projects the number and amounts of donations that are needed to complete the project, has been outlined by the Development Office.

"To proceed in a timely fashion, we need large gifts," Davis said.

All gifts, despite the size, are still needed to complete the project, she said.

Davis said that once the leadership was in place, the fund raising would focus on mentioning and targeting people who might be interested in the center and were capable of donating large gifts.

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jokes — even if it meant going to prison."

Condrescu described such daily Romanian activities as waiting in line for bread.

"The bread line had another function," he said. "The line was the true newspaper — the passing down of jokes, gossip. The food was secondary."

Condrescu also warned the audience of the possible renewal of ultra-nationalism in Eastern Europe. "Today, Romanian nationalist sentiment is having a huge national revival," he said. "No one is listening to anything anymore."

Condrescu said he thought little had changed in much of Eastern Europe since the end of the Communist era. "On the one hand, everyone is jumping up and down about the end of tyrants, but on the other hand the guns still go by."

Fascism is beginning to take the place of communism in many Eastern European states, he said.

"I think there is good nationalism and bad nationalism," he said in a discussion that followed his address. "What would be considered good is valuing what is yours, what your culture is, but that doesn't mean you have to go out and kill those whose culture is different from yours."

GUARDS
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"I'm afraid you people in the media are going to kill this thing before it gets started," Oakley said. "This can be a great system. We've got to have the time to get this going."

Before Heavner and The Village Companies made their donation, the town had experimented with similar patrols, hiring four security people to watch the recently constructed parking deck on Rosemary Street. If the current program proves successful, the Chapel Hill Town Council might make it a regular part of the town's annual budget.

Oakley said the program eventually would employ as many as 18 more civilian patrolers. He added that until the program was fully staffed, it would not perform at 100 percent.

"There aren't enough (people) hired to do the job," he said.

Heavner said he worried that the attack would have an adverse affect on the program, but said he had no plans to use his company's donation as an excuse to talk to the police about it. "I am a citizen no more or less than anyone else in town," he said.

"It's extremely unfortunate that the police department let that event take place on the weekend of increased protection and in that place."

Oakley defended the police's actions, saying police coverage was ample Saturday night and Sunday morning. He said three police foot patrols and three patrol cars were on duty, in addition to the four civilians at the time of the attack.

"There were a lot of police and eyes and ears out there," Oakley said. "There's only so much coverage (the civilian patrol), as part-time people, can do."

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across a variety of disciplines, including a number of staff members and some students," Smith said. "We had a good turnout of people who've identified themselves as wanting to be part of the public service mission of this campus."

"Basically, we're a group of faculty members and students on campus who came together to clarify the role of public service at UNC and to promote it as well."

Judith Wegner, dean of the UNC Law School, also has been a vital force in the establishment and organization of the roundtable, Smith said.

"Judith has done a terrific amount of work on this," he said.

Provost Richard McCormick said the Public Service Roundtable was as enlightening as it was exciting.

"I thought it was just a superb meeting with very committed and inspired people who were having a very fruitful discussion about public service in the state of North Carolina," McCormick said. "Although there were a number of administrators present, this was a faculty initiative, and I think it loudly and clearly says something about the commitment of the faculty to public service in North Carolina."

McCormick also said the meeting was symbolic of the importance the University placed on public service.

"We're already in the forefront of universities for public service, and what I heard today was a commitment to be better still."