By MARGIE FISHMAN

With the nation preparing for a second wave of H1N1 influenza, formerly known as the swine flu, Emory health officials are urging students, faculty and staff to get their regular flu shot early this year and practice good hygiene.

"Probably the most important element about management of a pandemic is communication," says Alexander Isakov, executive director of Emory’s Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPAR).

The University has launched a Web site, www.emory.edu/flu, to inform the community about general precautions to stem the spread of the H1N1 flu strain. The site will be updated as indicated by the rapidly evolving situation. University health officials took their message to parents at student orientation earlier this month.

The H1N1 flu strain, which first appeared in April in the U.S. and Mexico, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. Unlike the seasonal flu, H1N1 is a new strain with the majority of cases occurring in people ages 5 to 24. At present, the severity of novel H1N1 is reported to be on par with the common seasonal flu, Isakov notes. Symptoms are similar and may include fever, cough, sore throat and body aches. But like any new flu strain, H1N1 has the ability to mutate, says Isakov. Those who exhibit flu-like symptoms are urged to stay home and avoid contact with others until 24 hours after the fever is down without the use of medication, says Student Health Services Executive Director Michael Huey. Under current policy, staff can use accrued sick leave.

While a vaccine for H1N1 is not yet available, Emory is on the front line of flu research. Emory University Hospital treated Georgia’s first confirmed case of H1N1, and the campus is one of eight sites nationwide conducting clinical trials to evaluate the H1N1 vaccine’s safety. The University operates, in cooperation with the University of Georgia, the Influenza Pathogenesis & Immunology Research Center, where researchers aim to improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment of flu viruses.

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EMORY PROFILE

Tulasi Ghimirey

Animal care technician finds Shangri-La in Atlanta

By KIRSTEN TAGAMI

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is a spectacularly beautiful place, bailed by some as the “last Shangri-La.” But the country also has generated one of the highest numbers of refugees in proportion to its population. Thousands of people from Bhutan’s ethnic minorities have been forced into refugee camps in nearby Nepal or into exile in India, the United States or other countries.

Tulasi Ghimirey, an animal care technician at the Emory School of Medicine, is one of the more fortunate of the Bhutanese refugees. Although he spent several years in a refugee camp — his parents are still there — he has been able to start a new life in Atlanta with his wife, also a refugee.

Ghimirey was one of the first refugees from Bhutan to settle in Georgia. In 2005, when he began working at Emory, there were only four Bhutanese in metro Atlanta, he says. Ghimirey has become a helping force, volunteering in the city’s growing Bhutanese community. Through the CDC Bhutanese Refugee Support Group, he helps orient new arrivals, translates for older folks who don’t speak English and helps organize a large volunteer effort to provide warm clothes, used computers and other crucial supplies for newly arrived refugees. The group is made up of volunteers from the Centers for Disease Control and members of the Emory community, plus those in the Indian, Nepali and Jewish communities, he says.

There currently are about 2,000 Bhutanese people in Georgia, and Ghimirey estimates that another 10,000 eventually will join them. Like Ghimirey, many of the refugees are Lhotshampas, people of Nepali descent who lived in the southern part of Bhutan. Most are Hindu, while Bhutan is predominantly Buddhist. In 1985, the ruling elite declared Lhotshampas to be non-citizens and forbade them from speaking their own language or practicing their religion.

Life was peaceful for Ghimirey before all the turmoil began. He grew up on his family’s 35-acre mountainside farm, tending crops and caring for goats and cattle when he wasn’t in school. The steep mountains, near the border with India, are blanketed with rhododendrons and orange trees that bloom in the fall. When Ghimirey was 18, he completed a 9-month training and got a job teaching schoolchildren in a rural part of Bhutan.

“Many people in the remote areas don’t have much respect for education,” he says. “I offered to teach the parents side-by-side with their children so they could see whether it was worthwhile. It wasn’t unusual to hear deep voices in my classroom.” His pupils helped supplement his income with rice, vegetables and whatever else they could bring from home.

By 1990, many Lhotshampas were becoming frustrated with the government’s repression and began to hold peaceful demonstrations. The Royal Bhutan Army responded by randomly arresting people, saying they had participated in illegal demonstrations, Ghimirey recalls. The army shut down schools and used them as jails, where they conducted violent, sometimes fatal, interrogations, he says.

Ghimirey was arrested and brutally beaten after visiting his family during an annual festival. Luckily, one of the soldiers recognized Ghimirey as his former teacher and helped him escape. He made his way to India but missed his family, he says. Before long, he moved to Nepal where the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had established camps, which still exist today. He lived in the camp for several years before seeking asylum in the U.S.

Ghimirey is grateful for his job in the School of Medicine. He is trying to help other Bhutanese refugees find employment that doesn’t require a college degree. “The philosophy of people in Bhutan is that everybody has to work,” he says. “We have a saying: ‘work is worship.’

Ghimirey is an animal care technician at the School of Medicine.

By KIRK SMITH
Volunteer Emory to host a service fair

By MARGIE FISHMAN

It was a bittersweet homecoming for Center for Women Director Dona Yarbrough when she traveled to Leland, Miss., last spring with nine other Emory volunteers to build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

As part of Volunteer Emory’s alternative spring break, the group stained cabinets, hung sheetrock by day. By night, they dined on country fried steak and green beans with fatback, serenaded by a youth choir.

With shotgun shacks bursting at the seams, Leland offered a window into the rural South and domestic poverty for the student and staff volunteers, who “sometimes forget that it’s in our own backyard,” says Yarbrough, who grew up there.

“I knew I was going to be doing a good thing,” she adds. “I didn’t realize that I was going to love it as much as I did.”

This fall, Volunteer Emory is offering a number of opportunities for faculty and staff to give back. Founded by two Emory undergraduates in 1980, the program is part of the Office of Student Leadership & Service and organizes at least 15 weekly service trips for students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Faculty and staff can choose to volunteer alongside Emory students or volunteer individually or in small groups, from training shelter dogs in basic obedience to leading naturalization classes for new Americans. Volunteer Emory will host a fair on Sept. 8 and 9, where prospective volunteers can connect with 20 different community agencies. Later in September, volunteers are needed to lead games at a sports camp that brings 100 students from local elementary schools to campus.

The spirit of service kicked off last week when the University hosted three annual service days for public health students, freshmen and sophomores at Rollins-teen Service Day, Freshman Service Day and Sophomores Serve. Students’ efforts supported community agencies such as PushPush Theater, Samaritan House of Atlanta and the Eastside Parks Network.

Fostering meaningful community partnerships for students is aligned with the University’s strategic mission to prepare engaged scholars, says Volunteer Emory Coordinator Harold McNaron.

Faculty and staff will lead three alternative fall break trips for students this year, building homes in Americus, Ga., working in a Savannah food bank and conducting outreach for the Atlanta Harm Reduction Center, a public health program closer to home.

While those slots are full, McNaron is still recruiting group leaders for an alternative spring break trip helping seniors with home repairs in southwest Virginia, and for Emory Cares Day in November. That’s when the University and its global network of alumni coordinate service projects, ranging from removing invasive plants from a local nature preserve to making thousands of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless.

Many volunteer opportunities are hands-on, says McNaron, who is working with the Office of University-Community Partnerships to encourage faculty and staff to use their academic research or job expertise to benefit local area groups.

“Working alongside students affords a different connection for faculty and staff than they would normally get from the classroom or an administrative perspective,” he says.

Get involved

Here is a sample of Volunteer Emory events that are open to faculty and staff this fall. For more information, visit http://volunteer.emory.edu.

### SEPT. 8-9

**Volunteer Fair**

11 a.m.—1 p.m. Coca-Cola Commons, Dobbs Center. Twenty community agencies will be there to recruit volunteers.

**SEPT. 26**

**Sports Camp**

15 a.m.—2 p.m. McDonough Field. Local youth participate in recreational activities on campus.

**OCT. 3**

**Hands On Atlanta Gandhi Day**

9 a.m.—1 p.m. Location TBA.

In honor of Mohandas Gandhi’s birthday, Volunteer Emory selects a hands On Atlanta service project.

**OCT. 10-13**

**Community service planned in Savannah, Americus and Atlanta.**

**OCT. 18**

**AIDS Walk**

Noon-4 p.m., Piedmont Park. Walkathon fundraiser to raise money for AIDS.

### NOV. 14

**Emory Cares Day**

1 p.m.—5 p.m. Various locations. Simultaneous service projects occur in Atlanta and across the globe.

### DEC. 1

**World AIDS Day and Quilt on the Quad**

Time TBA, Emory Quad. Presentation of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.
New system means changes for parking

Emory recently installed an automated payment system at Peavine, Pushbarn and Main gates to Emory's parking lots, with the Lower-grade and 1328 Clifton visitor parking lots expected to be added soon. The new system will provide more flexibility in the automatic accountability in visitor parking operations. The new automated ticket system will accept cash, credit/debit cards, as well as mobile payments, and acceptable tickets are valid for three hours, except during that lot's or deck's business hours.

Parking Services can be reached at parking@emory.edu or 404-721-8740.

Milestone for Emory on iTunes

One million downloads from the iTunes store have been made from Emory's iTunes U site — a free service hosted by Apple on their iTunes U site — a free service offered as part of Emory's sustainability programs occurring in Emory's University Center and Wesley Woods, pre-consumer food waste, or cooking waste, began to be collected and hauled to Georgia's first state-permitted composting facility in July. Seven weeks at the DUC, that program collected and composted 5 tons of food waste. Food waste-composting programs support Emory’s overall goal of diverting 35 percent of waste from landfills by 2015. Starting this fall, diners at the DUC are being asked to scrape excess food from their own plates into bins, where it is composted. If composting is successful, it will be implemented permanently.

FLU: Everyone urged to get seasonal shot

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Protection tips

From early September to mid-October, more than 20 percent of the US common seasonal influenza will be circulating in the general population, students, faculty and staff. Times and locations will be announced on the Web site. The University encourages flu as well as on the Web site. The University encourages flu shot clinics for common colds, flu shots for the immunocompromised and those with asthma, diabetes or chronic lung disease, and H1N1 flu. Students up to age 24 are among the priority groups identified by the CDC to receive the novel H1N1 vaccine, as are health care workers. Others should visit www.cdc.govflu or www.emory.edu/flu to get updates about who will have access to the H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available. Target groups for the new vaccine will be determined by local, state and federal public health agencies, says Isakov. A team from the University and health system will meet regularly to provide updates on how the flu is affecting the community.

In the meantime, the University will offer more doses of the common seasonal flu shot on hand than at any time in history. This year, campus vaccination clinics will begin in September instead of mid-October.

"This is not a year when you want to be susceptible to a flu that can be prevented," says Huay.

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REPORT FROM: Emory Alumni Association

Active summer sets stage for fall events

Summer vacation. What a quaint concept.

Actually, that’s a bit quaint, isn’t it?

By KATHERINE HINSON

Earlier this summer, the Benefits Department announced that it was going “green” when it came to communicating this year’s Annual Benefits Open Enrollment.

“We are excited to see the Human Resources team move forward with the goal of reducing the University’s impact on the local environment by eliminating the 400,000 sheets of paper it takes to print the Open Enrollment Guide,” says Ciannat Howett, director of communications. “This is a great example of how the University’s administrative units can get involved and achieve our vision.

The benefits department has put in place several online tools for faculty and staff, including a special e-mail address, MyBenefits@emory.edu, and a Web site dedicated to benefits communications, www.hr.emory.edu/mybenefits. The traditional paper Annual Enrollment Guide will be replaced with an online, interactive PDF that combines the familiar structure of the print document with the accessibility of a Web site.

A single newsletter, which will be mailed to home addresses, and a related e-mail campaign explains how to access information online as well as what will be new for the 2010 benefits programs.

“Other special communication efforts are being implemented, including computer training and assistance for employees in certain facilities and work areas that don’t traditionally e-mail. A language translation service is available on the MyBenefits Web site,” says Peter Barnes, vice president of human resources.

This effort will save about 30 percent of the department’s print and mail budget — it is important that we continually look for ways to improve cost effectiveness without compromising the resources dedicated to our core mission,” says Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Mike Mandl. “Technology certainly has a role to play in this regard and is an effective way to reach our large and diverse audience — providing faculty and staff with the flexibility to access the information on the desktops on campus, at home, or virtually anywhere in the world.

And, of course, there are central kiosks on campus for those who do not have access to a computer.

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Ancient whale fossil repaired in collaboration

By RENEE STEIN

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The fossil was transported to Athens, where it was washed, dried and cleaned in preparation for assembly. UGA scientists identified and dated the fossil, now recognized as the oldest whale specimen yet found on the Atlantic coast and the first from Georgia, outdating those from North Carolina by over 20 millennia and thereby extending the historic record for this species. Although the Atlantic species has been extinct for centuries, the grey whale currently inhabits the North American Pacific coast.

Unique collaboration

The UGA team contacted the Carlos Museum for guidance in joining the many fossil fragments. Conservator Renee Stein suggested that the project be coordinated as a collaboration involving students from both universities. Lauren Appelbaum 98C and Rebekah Cordiero 98C were among the volunteers who assisted with the project last spring, including research, treatment and packing.

The fossil was repaired to promote both structural stability and visual unity by rejoining fragments and filling cracks. The fragments were first documented with digital images and line drawings to record the fossil’s condition, including breaks and other issues. These images also capture details about the bone’s morphology, such as inner cavities and vascular networks.

Having been rinsed and dried by the excavation team, the original fragments of bone were consolidated with acrylic resin upon arrival at the Carlos. The fragments were then rejoined using acrylic resin bulked with paper pulp. Stainless-steel pins were inserted between large fragments to support the repairs. Selected gaps were filled with putty made of the same acrylic resin and paper pulp. These fills were recessed slightly and toned with acrylic emulsion paint to correspond with adjacent fossil surfaces.

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FIRST PERSON
Natural wonders give glimpses of heaven

By LORRAINE MURRAY

I am walking down the brick path as the big clock starts chiming 10 times. It is my morning break from my job at the theology library at Emory, and I am all alone. The air is clear, there are huge trees surrounding the path, and the sky is a crisp shade of blue.

Near the creek I spy a chipmunk filling his cheeks with something good he’s discovered on the ground. As I watch him, a mockingbird begins turning up, perhaps sending a secret message to his fellow flock. Nearby huge sunflowers stretch their heads toward the glimmering summer sky.

I wonder if this is what heaven will be like. Will there be brick paths, generous trees and little creatures scurrying along their heads toward Jesus and the theology library at Emory, and I am all alone. The air is clear, there are huge trees behind me.

There are moments in life when it seems that heaven touches earth. Many people travel long distances to find such moments. They seek solitary places, perhaps climbing mountains or renting a house by the sea.

But there are moments even in a city when it seems that the veil is torn in two and you get these little glimpses of heaven. It is still summer break at Emory. In a few weeks the campus will be inundated with students, scurrying down this very path, chatting, laughing and gabbling on phones. They may not stop to peak down the ravine and glimpse the chipmunk. They may not notice the symphony of the mockingbirds.

Florida author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, who wrote “Cross Creek,” reminds us of the importance of nature with her words, “We cannot live without the earth … and something is shriveled in the heart of God. There is the tiny hummingbird in our yard that zips out of the bushes, lights on the feeder and takes a sip. Then he is gone as quickly as he came. There are the birds flocking to our bird bath, to take a dip in the sizzling afternoon heat and the curious squirrels that stop by for a drink. There’s the huge hawk that soars over the traffic on nearby Clairmont Road.

Indoors, with the drone of TV and radio, it is too easy to forget God’s presence, but if you take a step outside and look around, you’ll see that the natural world can be like a chapel, a place where you may draw nearer to God.

The Father created us in a garden. The Son prayed in the desert and revealed himself to his friends on a mountaintop. He wept in a garden before dying upon a tree.

The world of human affairs calls us, of course, it pulls us toward our responsibilities as parents, workers, spouses and tutors in God’s vineyard. But there were times when Jesus took a break from his obligations, leaving the crowds behind and seeking quiet places where he prayed.

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SOUNDBITES
Convocation serves tradition
The Aug. 25 Convocation ceremony welcomed the Class of 2013 with timeless traditions, including the “ah”-eliciting chemical transformation of the gold and blue. Music professor Dwight Andrews’ lesson in experiential jazz proved why his classes are so popular.

“Your know at Emory, you have to be hip. I’m here to see that you’re not rhythmically challenged.”

President Jim Wagner noted that Emory’s mission is not to serve “just the success of individual but the service of all humanity.”

Describing students’ place in the Emory community, he said, “By contributing to this community in addition to your growth, let me assure you that you will be supported by it.”

In the Emory community, there is no problem to be faced that needs to be faced alone.

—Leslie King

Are you a parent of a college student?
The transition from high school senior to college freshman is not just a challenge for students, but also for parents. To help ease parental anxiety, psychology professor Marshall Duke gives a presentation “Parenting a College Student: What To Expect,” a lecture he has delivered for nearly 25 years.

Duke advises parents on topics such as expecting college freshmen to have lower G.P.As at first, and advice such as this:

“The temptation is to intervene when a child calls home with a problem. Remember that many resources exist at college to help students cope with various situations. Express support, but give your children time to solve their own problems.”

—Sara Dowdy

From U.N. refugee to U.N. ambassador
At a July speech for the Halle Institute, his Excellency Sichan Siv recounted his escape from Cambodia’s killing fields in 1976 and his journey thereafter.

The former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations’ remarks included how he came to speak at the UN’s 60th anniversary, following a number of U.N. presidents.

“It was really quite a humbling experience to be walking in the footsteps of those historical figures, but I was chosen for any life intertwined with the United Nations,” said Siv, who was cared for by the U.N. high commissioner for Refugees when he was a refugee in Thailand.

Siv said speaking in the Woodruff Library was a “very special touch.” “When I was growing up in Cambo-
dia, I spent a lot of time in libraries,” he said. —Leslie King
By JESSICA MOORE

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DANCE EVENTS SPRING FROM POETRY, MEMORY

By Joosun Bae

Emory University dance professors Graham Lynch and Marjan Moore will perform works by composers Graham Lynch, Marjan Moore, and David Patrick Santucci (Sept. 5, 8 p.m.). Violinist David Kim, Philadelphia Orchestra concertmaster, makes his Emory debut Sept. 18 at noon. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, his Emory debut Sept. 18 at noon. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, his Emory debut Sept. 18 at noon. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, his Emory debut Sept. 18 at noon. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, his Emory debut Sept. 18 at noon.

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"Where Dance and Science Meet: A Creativity Conversation" (Oct. 15) brings together Emory Chemistry Chair David Lynn and New York-based choreographer David Neumann with Vice President and Secretary of the University of West Georgia, a conversational piece that reveals the nature of their collaboration and ideas about the intersection of art and science.

Neumann, an artistic director of advanced beginner group, presents "Big Eater" (Oct. 16–17) at a multi-disciplinary dance work, commissioned by the Emory College Center for Creativity and Arts and Emory’s creativity. Arts & Innovation, and inspired by the choreographer’s participation in Emory’s 2008 Evolution Symposium and Evolving Arts Festival, was awarded the New York "Bessie" for performance and choreography, Neumann creates work that engages audiences with intelligence, grace and wit.

Centered around the theme of memory and performed by students, the Emory Dance Company Fall Concert (Nov. 19–21) showcases the collaborative efforts of Emory faculty members Gregory Catellier, Anna Leo, Sally Rudell, George Stahl and Lori Tsague.

The Atlanta premieres of the internationally acclaimed Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, "Hominid," and "Frankenstein," and "Oklahoma!" New York-based choreographer David Neumann’s advanced beginner group, Emory Dance Company and more go on sale Friday, Sept. 11. Emory employees, students and Emory arts-related Friends group members can purchase tickets in advance on Sept. 9–10 (open until 9 p.m. on Sept. 10 for Creativity & Arts Soiree). Tickets for Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, the live recording of "From the Top" with NPR’s Christopher O’Riley and Candler Concert Series subscriptions are on sale now.

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