

## **UNC to commemorate National DNA Day**

It will be 54 years to the day next Wednesday since Watson and Crick discovered the DNA double helix, and Carolina students will commemorate the occasion by teaching.

Graduate student Elizabeth Sweger chairs the DNA Day celebration committee.

Sweger says the day's lessons give high schoolers a chance to explore possible careers as genetic scientists as well as perform some hands-on activities with DNA.

She adds the day also helps younger students better understand ethical debates surrounding DNA research.

Sweger says high schoolers will also learn how DNA is used in criminal justice cases by solving mock crime scenarios written by UNC students.