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SPRING 2005

- On April 22, 2005, the UNC Board of Governors approved an increase in the UNCP athletic fee. A new era in UNCP athletics begins.

SUMMER 2005

- “Campaign for Football” names honorary chairs
- Put your name here: “_____” Stadium or “_____” Field House
- Search for head football coach begins
- Additional seating is added to Belk Complex

FALL 2005

- “First and Ten”: Campaign for Football kicks off
- Head football coach hired
- Gender equity plan/Title IX external review completed

SPRING 2006

- Press box construction begins at Belk Complex
- First recruiting class signed
- Head football coach begins speaking appearances in region

SUMMER 2006

- Season tickets go on sale

FALL 2006

- First recruiting class arrives on campus
- Football teams begin conditioning and weight training

SPRING 2007

- Black and Gold spring game
- Second recruiting class signed
- Stadium upgrade completed

SUMMER 2007

- Preseason practice opens
- Field house dedicated

FALL 2007

- Campaign for Football victory celebration
- August 25, 2007: First football game

Chancellor's Message

Alumni, Donors and Friends



The 2005 spring semester brought many joys and a few sorrows to the University community.

Provost Roger Brown, a wonderful leader and dear friend, left us June 30, 2005 to take the helm of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. We are extremely happy for Roger and his wife, Dr. Carolyn Thompson, who was founding dean of the University Honors College. We will miss them both.

Dr. David J.W. Vanderhoof, a professor of criminal justice, passed away February 9, 2005. One of UNCP's most engaging faculty members, David brought to the classroom his experience as an attorney who practiced at all levels of the judicial system.

He was a rare professor who was both demanding and loved by his students.

After graduating more than 400 students in the winter, we admitted even more students — a record 5,132 this spring — not only through a combination of enrollment growth in graduate programs and on satellite campuses, but also through the growth of new freshmen and transfer students.

Commencement is a time of great joy for our University. Among our graduates this spring were five Chinese students with Master of Public Administration degrees that were earned at our most distant satellite campus at the Chinese University of Mining and Technology.

Late this spring, the University received the final approval for our football program. The excitement is building, so be prepared for the kickoff of the Campaign for Football — the largest and most successful fund-raising drive in the history of the University.

No doubt you have read or heard about the NCAA investigation of universities with American Indian mascots and nicknames. The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, which was founded and nurtured by American Indians and continues to serve American Indians in ever-growing numbers, wears its “Braves” name with great pride and distinction.

We have added pages to *UNCP Today* to accommodate the growing volume of alumni and University news. So please enjoy it, and don't forget to stay in touch with your University!

Allen C. Meadors

Allen C. Meadors, Ph.D., FACHE
Chancellor

374 graduate in May 7 ceremony

'Experience the Passion of Home, Family and Friends'

U.S. Senator Richard Burr encouraged graduates of the University to find opportunities in a rapidly changing world.

Burr was the keynote speaker at the May 7 Commencement. On a day marked by blue skies and 70° weather, 374 students graduated in an outdoor ceremony that was attended by more than 4,000.

One pair of graduates had special reason to celebrate on Mother's Day weekend.

"I'm so proud of my mom," said graduate David Beck.

Beck graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Business, and his mother, Connie, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in art education. Connie, a teacher's assistant with Cumberland County Schools, said there were many long nights in the computer room of the family's Hope Mills home.

"This is the best Mother's Day," Connie said. "All four of my children and five grandchildren are here. Our house was booming last night."

Ms. Beck was proud of her accomplishment. She graduated cum laude and as a member of the Alpha Chi honor society.

"You start something that you don't know if you can finish," she said. "It's a dream I've had forever. I loved every minute of it, even the student teaching."

Senator Burr asked graduates to dream of a future that may be as turbulent as the past four years. He noted that when many of the graduates were freshmen, "on a beautiful, sunny day — September 11 — America was under attack, and the world changed in an instant."

There were other changes, Burr said. "Another difference is that the world has become a much smaller place," he said. "Today, technology challenges the way we think about life's bigger questions, such as, 'What is fair? What's right?'"

To locate a model of opportunism in the midst of change, graduates need look only as far as their University, Burr said.



"I'm proud to know that your school will be the first university in North Carolina to offer an undergraduate major in biotechnology this fall," he said. "Biotechnology is an increasingly important industry here in North Carolina, and UNCP will be on the forefront of changes in biotechnology that will revolutionize business, agriculture, health care and technology."

The junior senator from North Carolina, who has two school-age sons of his own, expressed confidence in North Carolina's future and the future for the 2005 graduates.

"As a senator, I look forward to watching you and your peers find innovative

ways to meet the challenges we face here in North Carolina," Burr said. "I have every confidence that you will find new and better ways to meet these challenges."

Commencement 2005 was marked by the graduation of five Chinese nationals, who received Master of Public Administration degrees through a joint program with UNCP and the Chinese University of Mining and Technology (CUMT), located in Xuzhou of Jiangsu province. They are Dr. Ju Yang Zhang, an orthopedic surgeon and hospital administrator; Qingli Meng, an English professor; Tonghui Su, a journalist; Yu Xia, a government administrator; and Fang Jin, a pharmaceutical sales manager.

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Chinese Graduates: From left, Fang Jin, Qingli Meng, Dr. Ju Yang Zhang, Yu Xi and Tonghui Su

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“Our professors were wonderful, and our English is improved,” Su said. “If you want to be a good reporter, you must travel, a very famous Chinese journalist once said.”

Chancellor Meadors offered special congratulations to the Chinese guests and welcomed two visiting CUMT administrators, Dean Zhou Zhi Ren and Dean Chi Zhong Jun. In his parting remarks to graduates, Chancellor Meadors also peered into the future and encouraged graduates to put a human face on their challenges.

“Don’t let our technology-dominated world dehumanize your lives and priorities,” he said. “Be agents of peace and solidarity in every way.”

Chancellor Meadors said individuals still have the power to change history.

“I offer special congratulations to those of you who are the first in your family to receive a college degree,” he said. “You have changed the course of your family history, and your success today will inspire future generations to follow in your footsteps.”

Offering greetings to the graduates were Jeff Davies, vice president for finance of the UNC Office of the President; Carl Meares Jr., chair of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Jesse Peters, chair of the Faculty Senate; Jeffery Alejandro, president of the Alumni Association, and Venessa Jones, SGA president. Dr. Breeden Blackwell, a trustee, introduced the keynote speaker. ■



Mother and son Connie and David Beck of Hope Mills, N.C.



Officers commissioned: From left, MSG John Torre and new Second Lieutenants Andrea Miyagi, Erazo Keila Sanchez, Jong Choe, Jeremy Johnson and Ashley Weaver

Morgan Hunt crowned Miss UNCP 2005

by Robin Connolly

Morgan Hunt, a senior from Pembroke, was crowned Miss UNCP 2005.

Hunt, who is a former Miss Lumbee, Junior Miss Lumbee and Little Miss Lumbee, said winning the Miss UNCP title is the realization of a dream. "I am from Pembroke, so this title is important for me to represent my hometown," she said.

Hunt's pageant platform — diabetes awareness — is personally meaningful, she said. "Several of my family members have died from this disease," she said.

Hunt won a \$1,000 scholarship, \$1,000 wardrobe allowance for the Miss North Carolina Pageant, free room and board for a semester and a 10-carat school ring. ■



UNCP, friends honor Founders Day



Grady Hunt and Milton Gene Hall

A new exhibit honoring the founders of the University was unveiled in Lumbee Hall. Appropriately, the unveiling took place March 7 — Founders Day and the 118th birthday of the University.

A glass case was unveiled that contains a replica of the state bill authorizing the establishment of the University, along with photos and artifacts. The exhibit will be permanently housed in the lobby of the University's administration building.

The exhibit honors the founding of UNCP on March 7, 1887 and the founding fathers — W.L. Moore, Preston Locklear, James Oxendine, James Dial Sr., J.J. Oxendine, Isaac Brayboy and Olin Oxendine.

The historical exhibit, created to acknowledge UNCP's founding, was a gift from the Lumbee Hall Fund and charter donors Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt and Brooks, Attorneys-at-Law; Milton Gene Hall; Arlie Jacobs; Venus Jacobs; and Mary Moore Moorehead. Some donors are direct descendants of the founders, but all have deep affection and appreciation for UNCP.

Grady Hunt spoke on behalf of the law partners, who made the first gift to the fund that also supports the Teaching Fellows Program at UNCP. "I spent a lot of time out here on the baseball field with my grandfather. He's not with us anymore, but I know he is smiling today," Hunt said. "This is beautiful." ■

Biotech project announced at COMtech

Greenstate Nursery and Landscaping of Lumberton, N.C. will invest \$100,000 in a for-profit project, dubbed BioPOWERS, named for recently deceased Robeson County Commissioner Gary Powers. UNC Pembroke, Robeson Community College (RCC) and the Public Schools of Robeson County are partners in the project.

Keith Taylor, co-owner of Greenstate, said the educational institutions have agreed to "pursue research, grant and business opportunities to utilize the facility."

A roomful of leaders from education and government agencies attended the press conference at COMtech. The turnout is a good sign that the project will be successful, Taylor said.

"There must be an unconditional commitment from local, district, state and national government leaders to help nurture, encourage and seek public and private funding to perpetuate this research," he said.

UNCP and Robeson Community College have ongoing biotechnology training programs. UNCP has a new biotech major and is working to build a bio-processing research center at COMtech. RCC joined the state community college's BioNetwork program and has a BioAg Center on its campus. ■



UNCP to offer degree programs on Fort Bragg

The U.S. Army has enlisted the University to offer a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses on Fort Bragg. UNCP will hold classes at the home of the legendary 82nd Airborne beginning in the fall semester of 2005. The University will have

office space and access to four classrooms capable of offering 16 courses per semester.

The possibilities for UNCP on base are great, said Dr. Collie Coleman, associate vice chancellor for the Office of Outreach. “The potential is virtually unlimited,” he said. “To say the bidding was competitive is an understatement. The Army was looking for the best value.”

As part of its classroom settings, UNCP will build a computer lab for 30. An on-site staff of two will market programs and assist Army personnel and their families through admissions and other administrative procedures.

“We are committed to a strong and responsive relationship with Fort Bragg,” Dr. Coleman said. “We in the UNC Pembroke family look forward to a long and mutual fulfilling partnership.” ■

Approved Programs

(courses offered vary from semester to semester)

Undergraduate Programs

- Bachelor of Science in nursing
- Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice
- Bachelor of Science in business administration (management concentration)

Graduate Programs

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts in physical education (physical education licensure) and sports administration (concentration in sports administration)
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Arts in teaching
 - Middle grades education specialization
 - Physical education specialization
 - Secondary mathematics education (grades 9-12)
 - Secondary social studies education (grades 9-12)

UNCP surveyed community on ‘Brave’ logo/nickname

In response to a request from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the University assessed whether its use of the Brave nickname and logo is offensive to the surrounding American Indian community, in part through a survey.

Chancellor Meadors appointed a six-member campus steering committee to assist the University in responding to the latest NCAA query. It is the second request from the NCAA asking UNCP to study the use of its American Indian athletic logo and nickname. In 2002, UNCP was among 31 schools identified by an NCAA committee as having mascots or logos that could be considered controversial.

UNCP’s mascot is a red-tailed hawk, and its nickname is the Braves. The athletic

logo incorporates both hawk and Brave images. The Brave nickname dates back 50 years or more, when UNCP was an all-Indian school. The mascot was changed to a hawk in 1991.

The University submitted a report to the NCAA governing body in May. The public is invited to receive a copy of the University’s report by sending a written request to Dr. Zoe Locklear, interim dean of the School of Education, or to Athletic Director Dan Kenney.

The survey revealed solid support for the Athletic nickname and logo from respondents on campus, in the surrounding community and with alumni:

- 86 percent of respondents said the use of an Athletic American Indian logo is consistent with the University’s establishing and maintaining an environment that values cultural diversity;
- 86 percent said the Athletic logo’s use furthers respect for and sensitivity to the dignity of every person;
- 88 percent said the Athletic logo is not derogatory to American Indian culture;
- 92 percent said they are not offended by the nickname or Athletic logo; and
- 90 percent said the University should continue using the American Indian nickname and Athletic logo. ■

Dr. Barrineau earns UNC's Award for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Barrineau, a member of the English Department, was named recipient of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors 2005 Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Established by the Board of Governors in April 1994 to underscore the importance of teaching and to reward good teaching, the awards are given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC campus.

Dr. Barrineau's teaching skills are so highly prized that she was the founding director of the University's Teaching and Learning Center. Dr. Thomas Leach, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said she possesses all the qualities of an exceptional faculty member.

"Dr. Barrineau is a dynamic teacher who communicates her enthusiasm for literature to her students, along with her dedication to excellence in scholarship," Dean Leach said. "She combines these important attributes in an educational experience which students find stimulating and enjoyable."

With classes ranging from freshmen composition to graduate courses in American literature, Dr. Barrineau finds satisfaction in the teaching and learning process.

"There is nothing like facilitating a class that really works," she said. "I've learned that teaching college students delights me like nothing else I've experienced."

Dr. Barrineau came to Pembroke's Department of English in 1989. A native of Albany, N.Y., she received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Asbury College, a Master of Arts from the University of Kentucky and a doctorate from the University of Georgia.

The American novel, in particular the works of Theodore Dreiser, is the focus of Dr. Barrineau's academic endeavors. Her scholarship includes a collected edition of Dreiser's early journalism and many essays and presentations on American literature and on teaching and learning.



Dr. Barrineau is a member of the American Literature Association, the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, the International Dreiser Society and the American Association of University Women. ■

Marson is 2005 N.C. Social Worker of the Year

Professor Stephen M. Marson is North Carolina's 2005 Social Worker of the Year. The North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) honored him March 11 at the Conference on Ethics in Raleigh, N.C.

"I was particularly delighted to learn that **Melissa Hunt '03**, one of my former students and student worker, nominated me for this great honor," he said.

Dr. Marson's social work career spans 35 years and focused on gerontology, forensics, education and ethics in social work. He joined UNCP's faculty in 1977 and teaches undergraduate courses in social work, including social policies and justice, research and statistics, gerontology, values and ethics, human behavior and social environment and economic justice.



He recently founded the online *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, serving as founding senior editor and book review

editor. He worked for the *Journal of Law and Social Work* as an editor of manuscripts and book review editor.

In 1978, Dr. Marson established a private practice, Marson & Associates, dedicated to consultation, research, case and group work and educational services primarily for the elderly and social science research for attorneys.

Dr. Marson earned a doctorate in sociology from North Carolina State University, specializing in aging and social psychology. He obtained his Master's Degree in social work from Ohio State University with emphasis in human sexuality and substance abuse and earned his undergraduate degree from Ohio Dominican University. ■

Provost to lead Tennessee university

Dr. Roger Brown, provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, was introduced as the new chancellor of The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on April 25.

“Dr. Brown has served UNCP in an outstanding fashion over the last five years,” said Chancellor Meadors. “He has been instrumental in transforming Academic Affairs into a fully integrated and comprehensive academic unit. He has not only been an excellent provost, but a wonderful friend and colleague.”

“We wish Roger and his wife, Dr. Carolyn Thompson, who has done an equally great job in establishing our University Honors College as its first dean, all the best in their new adventure at UTC,” Dr. Meadors added. “Please join me in congratulating Dr. Brown on his new appointment.”

Upon his arrival at UNCP in 2000, Dr. Brown helped direct the growth of faculty and programs. During his tenure, seven new master’s degree programs and five new majors were added, including a four-year Bachelor of Science in nursing program. Faculty grew from 226 in 2000 to 345 this spring.

UNCP has eight satellite campuses across the region; a ninth will be added at Fort Bragg this summer. Online classes and programs were also initiated during Dr. Brown’s tenure. Grant receipts nearly doubled.

Dr. Jesse Peters, chair of the Faculty Senate, praised Dr. Brown’s commitment to the faculty.



“Dr. Brown has served UNCP well during his five years as provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs,” Dr. Peters said. “He has shown a strong commitment to the faculty here, and UTC will be lucky to have him as their chancellor. I, for one, will be sad to see him leave UNCP, and I wish him all the best in his new position.”

Dr. Brown received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville and his doctorate in political science from The Johns Hopkins University. ■

In Memoriam

David J.W. Vanderhoof, associate professor of criminal justice, died in his sleep Feb. 9, 2005. A memorial service was held at the University’s amphitheater. A Laurinburg, N.C., resident, Vanderhoof is survived by his wife, Mary Sandra Taylor, and two adult daughters.

Vanderhoof completed his undergraduate work at Utah State University and received a law degree from University of Utah College of Law in 1968. He returned to Temple University School of Law in 1988 to teach. At Temple, Vanderhoof received his Master of Laws



degree and taught business and law there prior to joining the UNCP faculty in 1995.

Vanderhoof had a 20-year career in law as a prosecutor and defense counsel, and he practiced both criminal and civil law. He specialized in federal cases involving a wide variety of issues, from free speech to the death penalty.

At UNCP, Vanderhoof was an advocate of and early adapter to new technologies. He integrated his University Web site into courses as a reference library, and he utilized video-streaming technology to lecture online, sometimes to students at universities as far away as California. ■

English E. Jones Center dedicated



At the February 2 building dedication ceremony: From left, Dr. Tommy Thompson, chair, Physical Education; Dr. Roger Brown, then-provost; Dr. Zoe Locklear, interim dean, School of Education; Carl Meares, trustee chair; Randall and Margaret Jones, son and wife of Dr. English Jones; Chancellor Meadors; Judy and Steve Jones, daughter and son; and Dan Kenney; athletic director.

With a large crowd of family and friends on hand, the University dedicated the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center on Feb. 2, 2005.

The dedication was staged in the new, two-story main lobby of the Jones Center. At a cost of \$8.8 million, more than 32,000 square feet was added to the building,

which features 16 new offices, three classrooms, a fitness center and an athletic training facility.

UNCP's leader from 1962 to 1979, Dr. English E. Jones ushered in an era marked by construction and enrollment growth reminiscent of the University today, said Dr. Roger Brown, then-provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The building features several additions enclosed with green-tinted glass, including the fitness center, which faces the James B. Chavis University Center. Future plans for this area of campus include a bookstore, convenience store, post office and an annex to the University Center. ■

Carolina bay is newest UNCP laboratory

A 429-acre Carolina bay in Hoke County has become an environmental laboratory for students at UNCP.

Singleton Bay was donated to the Lumber River Conservancy by a Fayetteville, N.C., family. The conservancy agreed to allow UNCP students to do field research at the site. The conservancy's mission is to preserve land on and around the Lumber River in its natural state.

A densely wooded site, located just east of the tiny Hoke County community of Dundarrach and north of N.C. 20, Singleton Bay offers a unique environment for study. It will be a place to teach students plant

identification, plant and animal distribution and how soil types affect distribution, said Dr. Andy Ash, chair of the Biology Department.

"At Singleton Bay, we will be able to train students in plant and animal assessment," Dr. Ash said. "Our new environmental science majors will have a field site for study."

Carolina bays are oval-shaped depressions that run along a southeast to northwest axis. There are thousands of them in the coastal plains of the Eastern United States, but southeastern North Carolina is home to more bays of all sizes than any other location. Lake Waccamaw is the largest.

The bay offers something for geologists, geographers and others, too, said Dr. Tom Ross, a UNCP geographer who is a leading authority on the mysterious formations.

"This is fantastic news because with a bay, you have an endless amount of applied research potential," Dr. Ross said. "The Carolina bays are the most interesting geomorphic features in our region."

The origins of the shallow depressions are unknown, but scientists speculate they were formed by wind and tides millions of years ago as a coastal plain emerged from the ocean. ■

Nursing scholarship established

A Murphy, N.C., woman has connected three of the great interests of her life to an endowed scholarship at UNCP.

A nurse for 50 years, Joan H. Wallace endowed a nursing scholarship at UNCP to honor the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and her Native American heritage.

"I chose Pembroke because I believe state-recognized tribes need more help," Wallace said. "I've read a lot about the Lumbee, and if I was younger, I would go to Washington to do battle for (federal recognition)."

Wallace invested considerable time discovering her native roots and educating others through her work with DAR. She is the North Carolina chair of DAR's American Indian Committee and was vice chair of the national committee in 2000.

The honorariums she receives for speaking are added to the \$5,000 scholarship that she established in July 2004. The scholarship has appreciated nearly 20 percent in just six months.



From left, Dr. Elinor Foster, University librarian; Dr. Peggy Opitz, retired nursing chair; donor Joan Wallace; nursing professor Cherry Beasley; and Dr. Margaret Synowiez, nursing chair.

The Joan H. Wallace North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution American Indian Nursing Scholarship will provide financial assistance to an American Indian nursing student with demonstrated financial need. The recipient will be accepted into UNCP's undergraduate

nursing program and demonstrate ability and promise in the profession.

DAR's American Indian Committee was established in Washington, D.C., in 1941 to educate members and schoolchildren about Native American culture and to provide funds for the education of American Indian students. ■

New business faculty award established at UNCP

Dr. Eric Dent, dean of the School of Business, and his wife, Amy, have agreed to fund an endowment to support an annual award for an outstanding business faculty member.

"The purpose of the gift is to recognize our faculty and to honor the rich tradition of outstanding scholars and dedicated teachers," Dr. Dent said. "Amy and I believe in giving, and we made this decision together."

The annual award will go to a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding teaching, scholarship and service to the University and exemplary organizational and citizenship behavior.

The first recipient, announced April 26 at the School of Business Awards Banquet, is Dr. Mohammad Ashraf, an assistant professor of economics.



Dr. Peter B. Vaill

The name of the award is the Peter B. Vaill Facultyship Award. It is named after a professor who exemplifies the ideals of the award, Dr. Dent said.

"Dr. Vaill was instrumental in my own education, and he embodied all-around faculty excellence," he said.

Dr. Vaill, who directed Dr. Dent's doctoral dissertation at George Washington University, is the distinguished professor of

management at Antioch University, where he directs a doctoral program in leadership and change.

"Although Dr. Vaill devoted much of his career to scholarly research, he never lost sight of the importance of the classroom, where he is able to transfer his excitement for learning to his students,"

Dr. Dent said. "His prowess in the classroom, his genuine concern for students, his love of research and his flair for writing, and his out-of-the-ordinary willingness to go beyond the classroom in mentoring both students and peers make him deserving of emulation."

The Dents will contribute \$5,000 to the endowment over a four-year period. The award will be \$250 during the first four years. ■

Wendell Staton returns to UNCP

Wendell Staton has returned to the University as director of major and planned gifts in the Office for Advancement.

Staton comes to UNCP from the City of Lumberton, where he was director of the Parks and Recreation Department for three years. For six years before that, he was a UNCP faculty member in the Department of Health and Physical Education, golf coach and assistant men's basketball coach.

In his new position, Staton will be responsible for planning and directing major fund-raising activities for the University. He reports to Sandy Waterkotte, vice chancellor for Advancement.

Staton said he has enjoyed a special relationship with the University and is pleased to return in a new capacity.

"I have deep affection for the University and the region where my wife and I have chosen to live and raise our children," he said. "There has never been a more exciting time to be associated with this University. This is a great product, and I am very excited to have the opportunity to market it."

Staton supervised up to 30 employees in the Lumberton Parks and Recreation Department and was responsible for all aspects of the department, including planning, fund-raising, grant writing and construction of several major park projects. He developed the master plan for the new Northeast Park, a 91-acre project costing \$7 million.

Staton's experience in athletics will aid him with a major fund-raising campaign that is in the planning stages in the Office of Advancement, Waterkotte said.

"Wendell's background in sports — here at UNCP and then most recently for the City of Lumberton — is a great plus," she said. "As we gear up for what may be our most ambitious fund-raising campaign ever, we'll benefit from the perspective he brings to our organization."

A native of Graham, N.C., Staton graduated from St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He earned a Master of Education degree from Georgia College and State University, where he was an assistant basketball coach. He was an assistant coach at Elon University before joining UNCP's faculty.

Staton is married to the former Yvette Renaud, and they have two children, Ellen, 12, and Charlie, 9. ■



NIEA establishes scholarship fund



Members of the local chapter of the NIEA present their check to establish the North Carolina Indian Education Endowed Scholarship for Education Majors at UNCP. From left, Captain Larry McNeill, UNCP Police & Public Safety and golf tournament chair; Kayron Maynor, member of the local chapter of the NIEA and fund-raising chair; Dr. Warren Baker, former dean of the School of Education; Rosa Winfree, member of the local chapter of the NIEA and its fund-raising committee chair; and Teresa Oxendine, director of Donor Relations. To contribute to this fund, please contact the Office of Donor Relations at 1-800-949-8627 extension 6213, or e-mail advancement@uncp.edu.

Football program gets the green light

The Board of Governors for the University of North Carolina approved an increase in student athletic fees for UNC Pembroke. This decision clears the way for the launch of a football program in 2007.

The board's decision came after student, faculty and alumni surveys showed strong approval for football and the \$140-a-year athletic fee that comes with it.

Former Student Government Association (SGA) President Venessa Jones who, in her role as a past trustee, voted for football, said the primary mission for the SGA was to raise school spirit, and football is the ticket, she said.

"I want to see somebody in black-and-gold face paint," Jones said. "UNCP will benefit from football in three major ways. First, it will boost school pride; second, it will promote community involvement; and third, it will bring the school and community together."

Athletic Director Dan Kenney said there is a lot of work to do over the next two-and-a-half years in preparation for football.

"I'm excited that the desires of our student body to have a football team have been endorsed by the Board of Governors," he said. "In the next six months, we will make improvements to the Belk Complex,

begin our search for a head coach and attempt to finalize our 2007 schedule."

A "Campaign for Football" will be unveiled this fall with a multimillion dollar goal. The campaign will provide funding for new facilities, including stadium renovations and a new field house.

Representatives of the Office for Advancement, which is spearheading the campaign, said an advisory committee is being assembled. Planning for the campaign, which has been anticipated since December 2004 when the trustees voted for football, is under way, said Sandy Waterkotte, vice chancellor for Advancement.

"The Campaign for Football will be the most intensive fund-raising effort in the history of UNCP," Waterkotte said. "We will set an ambitious goal, and our timeline will be relatively short in order to field a team by fall of 2007."



Brave wrestlers finish seventh in nation

After qualifying five wrestlers and earning 52.5 team points, UNCP's wrestling squad grabbed its highest national finish in school history when the Braves took seventh place among 32 schools during the recent NCAA

Division II tournament hosted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

In its history, UNCP had never finished higher than 10th in the nation. This marks the third straight season that head coach P.J. Smith guided his grapplers to a top-15 national ranking. ■

Richardson is Peach Belt Player of the Year; John Haskins is Coach of the Year



After a record-setting 18-10 season and a first-place finish in the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) North Division, the Lady Braves dominated the conference awards ceremony.

Danielle Richardson was named conference Player of the Year, and first-year head coach John Haskins was honored as Coach of the Year.

Richardson becomes the first UNCP player in history to be named Player of the Year. The 6-foot-2-inch senior from Jacksonville, Fla., was simply dominant during the season. She ranked third in scoring with 16.5 points per game, and led the league in rebounding with 10.5 boards per game. She was second in the conference in blocked shots with a school-record 85.

Haskins earned the coaching award after taking over the Lady Braves this season. His team was picked to finish dead last in the PBC, but finished 18-10 overall and 10-6 in the conference. Haskins coached the UNCP men's team for 10 seasons and was named Coach of the Year in 2002. ■

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Greetings, Alumni



It is with great honor and anticipation that I begin my first term as your Alumni Association president. I look forward to receiving your ideas and suggestions on how the association can meet the needs of and improve services to the membership.

I encourage all alumni to assume an active role in the life of UNC Pembroke. It is the hard work and unwavering support of our alumni that made UNCP what it is today. Some have generously given money to fund scholarships, academic programs and facilities around campus. Others have donated their valuable time to work at UNCP events in their hometowns, serve in alumni chapters and participate in Homecoming.

One of the most important things that alumni can do for UNCP is to show pride in their alma mater. They can recommend to potential students that they consider attending the University. They can spread the word about UNCP's accomplishments. While our University was once called "the best-kept secret in North Carolina" during the 1980s and 1990s, it is time to let the world know that UNCP will be the leader in many areas in this new millennium. I believe that the word about the University is starting to get out there. This spring, the University had a record enrollment of 5,132. It also signed agreements with 10 Chinese universities to establish joint-degree programs.

One of the goals set forward by the 2005-2007 Alumni Association is to re-unite and re-acquaint you with your University. We will continually contact you with news of UNCP's accomplishments, goals for growth and happenings in your area. Armed with this information, you can help spread the word. You will also be invited to alumni events on campus, such as special presentations, tailgates and Homecoming. As a graduate of UNCP, you know that we love to get together and celebrate.

I will share other goals in future issues. Always remember: Be proud of UNCP. It will always be proud of you!

Peace,

Jeffery Alejandro

Dr. Jeffery Alejandro '95
Alumni Association President

Class of 1955 makes gift at Homecoming 2005

Ron Miller, Athletic Hall of Fame inductee and 1963 UNCP graduate, summed up the spirit of Homecoming 2005.

"I will always be a Brave," said Miller, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native who is one of North Carolina's winningest high school basketball coaches.

Miller and fellow Hall of Fame inductee Frank Caradonna of New Jersey came to UNCP in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Miller told the story of the day he had a job interview, but no gas money.

"Where else but Pembroke could you go to the president of the school

(then Dr. English E. Jones) and borrow \$5?" he said. "When I think about it, it blows my mind. I'm so proud of this place."

Homecoming 2005 will be remembered for many things, but the class of 1955 was a real class act. Members and family of the 50-year reunion class returned in large numbers, and they came bearing gifts.

"We had 22 members of the class of '55," said class representative Dorothy Blue, "but only nine are living."

Blue spearheaded a class gift to endow a scholarship for the School of Education. The classed raised more

than \$11,000, and checks were still coming during Homecoming.

At the 36th annual Awards Banquet, the Alumni Association named Thomas J. Williams '75 its Outstanding Alumnus and Milton Teague Jr. '86 its Distinguished Service Award winner; Marcia Coble '82 received an Outstanding Service Award.

Speaking at the banquet, Chancellor Meadors welcomed guests from classes going back to the 1940s.

"I hope each of you feel like your time here was the greatest time of your life," he said. ■



Class of '55: From left, Pauline Bullard Locklear, Helen Emanuel Hammonds, Patricia Clark Hunt, James Howard Locklear, Dorothy Locklear Blue, Chancellor Meadors, Mary Louise Cummings Carter and Sara Neal Bullard Locklear.



Ron Miller '63 (left), new inductee to the Athletic Hall of Fame, with friend and former teammate Tim Brayboy '64



From left, Distinguished Service Award winner Milton Teague Jr. '86, Outstanding Service Award winner Marcia Coble '82 and Outstanding Alumnus Thomas J. Williams '75.

James Bass '94/'03 directs Alumni Relations

James M. Bass assumed duties as executive director of the Office of Alumni Relations in January 2005 at the University.

A Lumberton native and 1994 UNCP graduate, Bass served as assistant director of Student Activities since 1998. He also served as an adjunct professor in the Department of English, Theatre and Languages.

In his former position, he served UNCP students and, at his new post, he now serves UNCP graduates. He reports to Sandra K. Waterkotte, vice chancellor for Advancement.

Bass will keep UNCP's alumni connected to the University through various programs and publications, including *UNCP Today* magazine and the alumni Web site (www.uncp.edu/alumni). He will serve as executive director of the Alumni



Association and recognize outstanding alumni through the alumni awards program.

"I have spent the past six years working to keep students involved in the campus community, so it is natural for me to work at keeping our alumni involved," Bass said.

"I am very excited about working with my fellow alumni," he added. "The lifelong relationships I've made at UNCP as a student, administrator and instructor have been a valuable part of my life and career."

Bass received a Bachelor of Arts degree in arts management in 1994 and a Master of Arts in English education from UNCP in 2003. For the past year, he taught composition and film in literature in the English Department. He spent the 2004 summer session teaching English at North China Institute of Science and Technology in Yanjiao, East Beijing. ■

UNCP's Epsilon Mu chapter of Phi Kappa Tau has a new Web site, which was created by Bryan Ledford '01. Go Greek and log on to www.epsilonmu.com.

Robeson Alumni Chapter Notes

The Robeson Chapter of the UNCP Alumni Association is actively recruiting fellow alumni to become members, in addition to financial support to endow a scholarship for students from Robeson County. The chapter also plans to participate in Lumbee Homecoming activities. Chapter officers are Shirley N. Rodgers, president; Ida Baker, vice president; and Floyd Locklear, secretary/treasurer. To join, please contact Shirley at (910) 521-6175. ■

Alumni Travel Planning Calendar
Welcome alumni, friends and families. Join the UNCP Alumni Travel Program for exciting tours to the following destinations.

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- **Niagara Falls** August 24-28
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Robert Poole '81

Robert Poole '81, Air Force Reserve technical sergeant, has a new way of promoting his physical attributes while helping wounded vets at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Poole, a balding 46-year-old, had an idea to develop a logo for the "follickly impaired" and use the proceeds to buy long-distance calling cards for wounded vets.

"I was jogging along one day in Kuwait and feeling pretty good about myself. I had lost 36 pounds at the time, and looked down at my plain white T-shirt while I was jogging and thought, 'Why can't we bald-headed guys have a logo of our own?'" said Poole.

Poole, an air transportation journeyman based at Pope AFB, N.C., with the 53rd Aerial Port Squadron, came up with the acronym "BALD" — "Bold All-American Loveable Dude."

In Kuwait, Poole said he was touched deeply by the dead and wounded he helped move back to the United States for burial or recovery. "The sale of the T-shirts is my American way of giving back and helping," he said.

The wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital buy long-distance calling cards so they can call home. Calling home is a special way to be connected to family and loved ones.

"From the proceeds of the BALD T-shirts, I want to purchase calling cards



and give these out to the soldiers," Poole said. The all-cotton T-shirts are \$14.99 each. For more information, please visit www.baldandproud.net/.

Felecia Locklear '93

On what should have been one of the happiest days of her teaching career, Felecia Locklear received the news that she was moving with her husband, Anthony '79, to Chapel Hill. Anthony had been accepted into a graduate program and named assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

A music teacher, Felecia had just been named Teacher of the Year at Pembroke Elementary School.

Anthony, who is now executive director of the GEAR UP program at the Office of the President of UNC, remembers that day in 1994.

"As I was sharing my news with Felecia, the announcement was made on the school intercom that she was selected Teacher of the Year," Anthony said. "Unfortunately, she did not get the opportunity to enjoy her selection as teacher of the year because we relocated to Cary a few weeks later."



Felecia started her professional career over again as a substitute teacher in Wake County. It didn't take long for the cream to rise.

From substitute teacher, Felecia was hired as a team teacher at Charles R. Bugg A+ Creative Arts and Science Magnet School. After becoming a team

leader, her outstanding leadership ability was recognized at the central office, and she was selected to participate in Wake County's Leadership Program. After completing the program, Felecia served three years as assistant principal at Weatherston Elementary.

From assistant principal at Weatherstone Elementary, she was promoted to principal of Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School, one of Wake County's newest and most innovative K-5 schools. The school employs a hands-on, project-based learning program that places it on the cutting edge of education in the United States.

On the home front, Felecia and Anthony's oldest daughter, Anjelica, will be a freshman at N.C. State this fall, and Francesca attends Apex High School.

"Felecia has worked diligently to balance work and home, and she is a great wife and mother," Anthony said.

Carver Campbell '02

Part of the mission of UNCP athletics is to prepare champions for life. Carver Campbell is a great example of this goal seen in fulfillment. After excelling in head coach Larry Rodgers' cross country and track programs, Campbell has gone on to make outstanding contributions to the outside world as an enlisted specialist in the U.S. Army — and he seeks to do more.

The son of Manthia Thompson of Fairmont, N.C., and the late Carver Sr. of Durham, N.C., Campbell grew up in a home where education was emphasized as crucial for success. When the time came to choose a school, the answer was simple. Said Campbell, "I chose UNCP because they had a good education program, and I wanted to be an educator. I always said since eighth grade that I'd go to Pembroke to be a teacher."

During his tenure at UNCP, Campbell competed for Rodgers, whom he says had a greater impact on his life than anyone else.

"It's tough to say without getting choked up. He instilled a strong character in me and watched me develop from a skinny 19-year-old into a grown man. I'll never forget him," Campbell said.

Campbell, who ran the 400-meter relay, the 1600-meter relay, the 400-meter and the 200-meter and competed in the long jump, was successful on the track. He was named the Most Improved Performer in 1999 and won the 2000 Carolina Championship in the 100-meter.

A leader off the track, Campbell was named the track team's Most Dedicated Performer and received the Distinguished Leadership Award from UNCP's Leadership and Service Opportunities Program in 2001 and 2002. He was also awarded the 2002 Dr. Ed Crane Track & Field Scholarship. In the spring of 2002, he received his bachelor's degree from UNCP with a major in sociology and a minor in Spanish.



After college, Campbell needed a way to help his recently widowed mother and pay off his student loans. He decided to enlist in the Army, which

"I enlisted to help my mother financially, to travel and pay off my student loans, but when I put on my uniform, I feel like I'm walking on cloud nine."

was a brave decision considering the recent World Trade Center attacks and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. He serves in the 267 Quartermaster Company at Fort Lee, Va., where he works as a petroleum supplies specialist with a rank of E-4.

However, Campbell hasn't forgotten his original goal to become a teacher. When his service in the Army is complete, he plans to return to UNCP, pursue a master's degree in physical education and earn his teaching license. Campbell emphasizes that it's important to him to come back to Pembroke to seek more lessons in and outside the classroom.

"What I like about the military is meeting different folks, doing D&C (drill and ceremony marching). But right now, I'm trying to come back to school to get my master's in PE and participate in ROTC at UNCP," he said. "I enlisted to help my mother financially, to travel and pay off my student loans, but when I put on my uniform, I feel like I'm walking on cloud nine. I perform my job to the best of my ability." ■

Chris Nicolini '04



Chris Nicolini '04, left, with Nathan Walls.

In about a year, Chris Nicolini went from editor in chief of *The Pine Needle* to orchestrating coverage of the funeral of Pope John Paul II for an NBC affiliate in one of the biggest television markets in the nation.

Nicolini, who put UNCP's student-run newspaper on the Web two years ago, is the cyberjournalist for WHDH-TV in Boston and is responsible for writing, editing and placing news on the Web around the clock.

"Friday it was the Pope, and today is the Red Sox home opener against the Yankees," Nicolini said in an April 11 interview. "It's hectic at times."

The day after graduation, Nicolini went to work in Durham, N.C., for WTVD-TV as a Web producer. Nine months later, he is leading a team of journalists at a broadcast outlet that bills itself as "The News Station."

The responsibility for updating the Web site 24-hours a day often finds Nicolini working from his apartment or during lunch on his laptop.

"The station has been very aggressive in promoting the Web site, and our offices are in the studio, which can be very noisy at times," he said.

Moving from the Pembroke to Boston was a big adjustment.

"I live in the middle of everything," he said. "I sold my car because you don't need one here, and it costs too much to park."

Does he miss UNCP?

"I miss it a lot. UNCP is a wonderful place," Nicolini said.

Nicolini made his mark while at UNCP, said Dr. Tony Curtis of the Mass Communications Department.

"Chris built *The Pine Needle* Web site into the very professional medium it is," Dr. Curtis said. "He then moved up to become editor in chief of the printed edition. He was responsible for the paper's redesign and further development." ■

Class Notes

1940s

Agnes Chavis '44 was selected by the National Education Association to receive its 2005 Leo Reano Memorial Award in recognition of her leadership in resolving social problems.

1960s



Ron Miller '63 was inducted into the Fayetteville Sports Club Hall of Fame, established in 2003 to honor Cumberland County's athletic elite.

Tim Brayboy '64 will be inducted into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in April 2006.



Raymond Goldberg '69 was named associate dean for the School of Professional Studies at State University of New York at Cortland. He is the author of numerous publications, including the fifth edition of "Drugs Across the Spectrum," scheduled for release in June. He was also a reviewer for several publications, including the *Journal of Alcohol and Drug Education*, the *Journal of Drug Awareness* and the *Journal of Health Education*.

1970s

John Weber '71 retired from the New York Fire Department in 1999 after 20 years of service. He is self-employed as an attorney with John Weber & Associates PC in Melville, N.Y.

Judy Parker '72 joined Coldwell Banker United Realty as a broker associate. She has 24 years of experience in human services and eight years of experience in education. She lives in St. Pauls, N.C.

Linda Richardson '72 retired in 2003 after 30 years of teaching with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She lives in Wilmington, N.C., and has five grandchildren.

1970s *continued*

Sean Gaffney '73 works for the Internal Revenue Service as an auditor in New Jersey.

Elizabeth Atkins '75 is employed with South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation as a procurement specialist

Gene Beasley '76 is band director for East Duplin High School and Beulaville Middle School in Wilmington, N.C.

Hazel Perez Deese '78 works for the Lumbee Regional Development Association's Head Start program as technology manager. She has two children, Candace Deese and Jeri L. Locklear, and one grandson, Jared Locklear.

Fredrick A. Wilkinson '78 is a teacher for the Virginia Beach (Va.) City Public Schools.

Melvin Gibson '79 retired from the military in December 2004 with 24 years of active duty. He is employed by the State of Florida as senior health services administrator for the Central Florida Reception Center in Orlando, Fla.

Tim Hinton '79 was named director of human resources and development for the Fayetteville Publishing Company, which publishes *The Fayetteville Observer*. Hinton joined the newspaper in 2001 as finance director. Before joining the newspaper, he worked for Irvin Aerospace as controller, director of human resources and chief executive.

1980s

Becky Britt Fain '81 recently retired from a career in human resources and education. She and husband George opened the Inn at Iris Meadows in Waynesville, N.C.

Daniel Baker '82 is a Professional Golf Association professional for Dick's Sporting Goods. He lives in Midlothia,

Va., and has three children. His oldest daughter is starting nursing school at Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall. His middle daughter is a freshman at Cloverhill High School, and his youngest son is in the first grade.

Phyllis Hunt '82 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher.

Mark McKenzie '82 is a training manager stationed at Beale Air Force Base in California.

Walker O. Biggs '84 was promoted to manager of the Employment Security Commission office in Wilmington, N.C., on Dec. 1, 2004. He was manager of the Clinton (N.C.) office from 2000 to 2004.

Teresa C. Hyatt Houston '84 is an employment specialist for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. She is married to Arnold Houston III, a resident maintenance engineer for the S.C. Department of Transportation. They have an 11-year-old son, Matthew.

Susan Prevatte '84 is self-employed as a freelance artist and illustrator in Lumberton, N.C.

In loving memory

Peggy Bullock '84
of Fairmont, N.C.,
died May 27, 2005,
at her home.

Dean Davis '85 was deployed to Iraq from Feb. 28, 2004, to Jan. 4, 2005, with the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade of the North Carolina Army National Guard.

Terry Powers '85 is employed by *The Red Springs Citizen* newspaper in Red Springs, N.C., as a staff writer.

William A. Bostic '86 is a self-employed certified public accountant in Richlands, N.C.

Samuel Mark Brewington '86 works for

the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation as an assistant special agent in Fayetteville, N.C.

Beth Carmical '86 was elected in March to chair the North Carolina Association of International Educators. A veteran UNCP administrator, Carmical has been a member of the 600-plus-member NCAIE since 1999 and has served on the board since 2001.

Mirian A. Chavis '86 works for the North Carolina Employment Security Commission as an attorney hearing officer. Before joining the North Carolina ESC, she earned a Master of Public Affairs degree from UNC Greensboro, worked for nonprofit human service agencies for eight years, earned a law degree from UNC Chapel Hill and practiced law. Chavis resides in Charlotte, N.C.

Richard Rundus '86 works at WQSM Q98 in Fayetteville, N.C., as an announcer and producer for the "Bob and Sheri in the Morning" radio show.

Robert M. Chavis '87 and Derena Kay Chavis were married March 18, 2005, in Kailua-Kaona, Hawaii. They are self-employed and live in Rowland, N.C.

Jamie K. Oxendine '87 was nominated for the Outstanding Educator in Enrichment Award of the Association for the Education of Young Children. He is a professor of Native American communications at Bowling Green State University. He also works as a music director and Native American resource speaker with the Toledo (Ohio) Public Schools.

Sandra McNeill Johnson '88 works for Southeastern Regional Mental Health in Lumberton, N.C., as a community alternative program coordinator for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled.

Angela Jones '89 works for Native Angels Homecare Agency in Lumberton, N.C., as director of mental health services.

1980s continued

Mark Kinlaw '89, president of the Kiwanis of Robeson, and 34 Kiwanis members delivered and read books in March 2005 to 2,000 second-graders in Robeson County to promote reading.



Brenda Mauldin '89 was named a finalist for North Carolina's Gifted and Talented Teacher of the

Year. Brenda teaches fourth grade at Shady Brook Elementary School. She has taught for 10 years, four of those years with Kannapolis (N.C.) City Schools. She is pursuing her certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Robert G. Parsons '89 is in the U.S. Army and is stationed in Atlanta, Ga.,

Michelle Rogers '89 had her second child, Ethan Alexander, on April 24, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. Her first child, CJ, is 4 years old. Michelle has been employed by the state of North Carolina as a magistrate in Halifax County for nine years with Arcent HQ.

1990s

Margaret Harrison '90 is a librarian for the Department of the Navy. In 1992, she completed her Master of Library Science degree at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. She has served as a librarian in Hawaii, Georgia, North Carolina and now Maryland at the National Naval Medical Center. She has a daughter, Kela, who is 10 years old.

William F. Deese '91 is employed at Purnell Swett High School as a business teacher and coach. He has one son, William Andrew, 5, and one daughter, JaiLeana Caryn-Marie, 4.

Tracy A. Smith Hazley '91 is owner and professional organizer of Natural Design in Durham, N.C.

Calvin Ryden '91 works for Toledo (Ohio) Public Schools as an elementary school music educator.

Brian Freeman '92 was contracted by Leapfrog Learning Products to serve as the company's educational spokesman for a "Prevent Summer Brain Drain" campaign. Brian works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as an elementary school teacher.

Donna M. High '92 works for the U.S. Probation Office as a federal probation officer in Atlanta, Ga.

George Jackson '92 is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher for the academically gifted.

Sharon Massengil Mundy '92 has been married for 12 years and has two sons, Alex, 10, and Josh, 6. The family lives in Roanoke, Va.

Henry J. Padilla '92 works for Deloitte & Touche LLP in Colorado. He is a member of the company's risk management information systems testing lab project team.

David Tran '92 is a high school assistant principal in Yokosuka, Japan.

Elaine Brewington '93 and husband Tim welcomed the birth of triplets, Timothy Connor, Benjamin Purnell and Emma Grace, on Feb. 9, 2004. Elaine works for UNCP's Family Life program as a prevention specialist.

Craig Honeycutt '93 is the town manager for Fletcher, N.C.

Walt Locklear '93 and **Brenda Locklear '81** will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 10, 2005. Brenda is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County as a math teacher.

Lisa LaChelle McCoy '93 works with Wake County Environmental Services as an environmental health specialist. She and husband Alan have two children, Brittney, 11, and Brandi, 9.

Terry Smith '93 received a Master of Education degree in history from Fayetteville State University on May 7, 2005. She was certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in November 2003.

Gregory F. Ward Jr. '93 works for the First National Bank of Arizona as a senior underwriter.



James Bass '94/'03 and **Paula Theresa Levay '03** were married May 7, 2005, in Lumberton, N.C. Paula is employed as a

case manager for Southeastern Regional Mental Health, and James was named director of Alumni Relations at UNCP in January 2005.

Theresa Clark '94 of Pembroke, N.C., and **Brian Kelly Dial '90** of Laurinburg, N.C., were married Oct. 23, 2004.

The bride works for the Public Schools of Robeson County, and the groom works for Scotland Memorial Hospital. The couple lives in Laurinburg.

Leslie Hewett McPhail '94 is a school counselor for the Public Schools of Robeson County.



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1990s *continued*

Leslie Carver Roseboro '94 and John Roseboro were married on June 12, 2004. Leslie is completing a Master of Public Administration degree at North Carolina Central University. The couple resides in Durham, N.C.

Regina Darden Anderson '95 is an adult home specialist with the New Hanover County Department of Social Services in Wilmington, N.C. She and husband Marcel have three boys, Marcel II, 9; Joshua, 5; and Noah, 3.

Sharyl Gross '95 had her first baby, Charles August Gross, on Aug. 15, 2004. He weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz. She is a facilitator for the academically gifted for Scotland County Public Schools.

Allison Harrington Joyce '95 opened her own business, Speech Solutions Inc., in Lumberton, N.C., in January 2005.

Kevin Roy '95 works in Baghdad, Iraq, for Kellogg Brown and Root as an equipment specialist. He has been in Iraq for almost two years

Allison M. Alvarez '96 was appointed senior communications specialist for Carolina Turkeys, located in Mount Olive, N.C.

Willie Douglas Christian '96 and Veanna Locklear were married March 5, 2005.

Erin Mooney Fitzgerald '96 was named vice president of the Grants and Research Department for the YMCA of Suncoast, Fla.

Jeff Lolley '96 is employed by Marriott International as director of network security in Maryland.

Kimberly Dare Bridgers Willis '96 works as a real estate agent with Prudential Carolina Real Estate in South Carolina, where she was recently named the Rising Star Rookie of the Year.

Paul Severino Bright '97 accepted an assignment as a professional military instructor and will remain at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina until 2006. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Gabby, 5, and Logan, 3.

Liz Cummings '97 and husband Mark welcomed a baby girl, Raven, on Feb. 12, 2004. Liz is a computer laboratory coordinator for UNCP.

Sandra Holland Evans '97 is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County at Lumberton High School as a physical education teacher.

Schnele Renee Kerns '97 and Billy Daughtry Locklear were married March 26, 2005, in Pembroke, N.C. Schnele works for the Public Schools of Robeson County, and Billy works for American Eagle Security Systems. The couple lives in the Union Chapel community near Pembroke.

Donald Metcalf '97 is employed by Chatham County as a facility manager.

Teresa Graham Tubbs '97 was promoted to associate director of financial aid at UNCP.

Amanda Woolston '97 is employed by the U.S. Navy as a petty officer.

Holly M. Hunt Chavis '98 married Derek Chavis of Lumberton, N.C., on Oct. 16, 2004. She is a JobLink marketing coordinator for the Lumber River Council of Governments in Lumberton.

Kelly Chavis '98 and **Shandora Locklear Chavis '02** welcomed their first baby girl, Kayleigh Paige Chavis, on Dec. 2, 2004. She weighed 8 lbs., 5.5 oz. Kelly works for Unilever HPC NA as a scientist, and Shandora is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a youth development specialist.



Shelly Demery Chavis '98 and husband **Kevin M. Chavis '89**

announced the birth of their first son, Brice, on

Nov. 29, 2004. He

weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. Shelly is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher, and Kevin works for CSX Transportation.

Charlyne Jacobs '98 returned home Dec. 29, 2004, after serving 10 months in Iraq with her National Guard unit.



Patricia Locklear '98 joined UNCP in March 2005 as an administrative assistant in the Office of the Chancellor. Locklear and her family live in

Fairmont, N.C., where she is president of the Green Grove Elementary School Parent Teacher Association.



Shelby Outlaw Plante '98 and husband **Ricky Plante '97** had a second child, Gunnar Chase, on May 19, 2004. Their first child, Bria, is 3

years old. Ricky is assistant baseball coach for Seminole Community College in Sanford, Fla., and Shelby is pursuing a career in massage therapy.

Eydie Stone '98 celebrated with husband Mike and 3-year-old daughter Savanna the birth of a new daughter, Ashlyn Elizabeth Stone, on Nov. 1, 2004. The family lives in Wilmington, N.C., where Eydie is a provider representative for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.

alumni notes

1990s continued

Marsha Nicole Thomas '98 is employed by Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N.C., as a licensed physical therapist.

Jeff Walker '98 is employed with the U.S. Army as an air traffic controller. He and wife Connie have a 3-year-old son, Cody, and are expecting their second child in June. The family resides in Alabama.

Melissa Anderson '99 is training for triathlons as a member of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's team.

Tracy Danielle Beasley '99 and Charles Anthony Taylor were married March 12, 2005, in Fayetteville, N.C. Tracy is a social worker with the Cumberland County Department of Social Services, and Charles is a merge operator with the Wal-Mart distribution center in Hope Mills, N.C.

Samuel Cabrera '99 is employed by the N.C. Department of Revenue as a revenue field auditor in Raleigh, N.C.

Dena Council '99 and Jeff Bolles were married March 6, 2005, in Lumberton, N.C. Dena is employed by UNCP in Student Accounts, and Jeff is employed by UNCP in the Athletic Department.

John Ferguson '99 works for Gaston County (N.C.) Police Department as a detective. His daughter, Abigail Grace, was born Nov. 29, 2004.

Sulayman Kadir '99 is employed with Gaston County (N.C.) Schools as a teacher.

Robert Kristofer Williams '99 married Erin Daye Chavis on Nov. 13, 2004. The couple lives in McColl, S.C. He works for Quick Copy Center in Laurinburg, N.C., as a desktop publisher.

2000s

Corey Crabtree '00 is employed with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension as an agricultural agent. He resides in Bladenboro, N.C.

Katinya Dial '00 and Jody Cummings were married March 26, 2005, in Red Springs, N.C. The bride works for the Baltimore County Public Schools. The couple resides in Odenton, Md.

Kelvin Hunt '00 works for Central Carolina Community College in Sanford, N.C., as a minority admissions specialist.

Kathleen Long '00/'04 is employed with Shining Stars Preschool as a teacher assistant in Lumberton, N.C.

Rob Tew '00 works for Pate Dawson Company in Fayetteville, N.C., as a sales consultant.

Carlos E. Berdecia '01 is an officer with the U.S. Air Force. He resides in Dupont, Wash.

Lorreen Bixby '01 is an addiction therapist for the VA Medical Center.

Jennifer Blue '01 works with *The News & Observer* as a creative lead ad designer. She resides in Raleigh, N.C.

Tim Clow '01 is the national program managing director for Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) in Montana.

Jennifer Fowler '01 and Aaron Matthew Rico, both of Fayetteville, N.C., were married Oct. 13, 2004. She works for Cumberland County Schools as a physical education and health teacher. He is collections manager for Color Tyme and is pursuing a degree in business and marketing. The couple lives in Fayetteville.

Colonel William Kilpatrick '01 and wife Alison Kilpatrick delivered a 9 lb., 7 oz. baby boy, William Herman, on January 25, 2005. The Kilpatricks reside in Smithfield, N.C.

Bryan Ledford '01 began a new job in October 2004 as a sales support specialist at TSM South, a telecommunications company. He is also an ambassador of the Cary (N.C.) Chamber of Commerce.

Scottie Locklear '01 and Julie J. Scott were married March 26, 2005. Scottie works for Health Care Connections, and Julie works for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Jennifer Hall McLeod '01 and Mac McLeod were married on May 14, 2005. Jennifer works for the Lumber River Council of Government as an aging program specialist. The couple resides in St. Pauls, N.C.

Renea Oqendo '01 is employed with Bayer Healthcare in Harnett County as an associate research scientist.

Andy Roberts '01 is employed with Lowe's Home Improvement as a sales associate. He resides in Laurinburg, N.C.

Jarette Sampson '01 was promoted by Lumbee Guarantee Bank to branch manager and assistant vice president of the Hope Mills, N.C., office. He serves on the board of the Southeastern Family Violence Center and is president of the Pembroke Kiwanis.

Stacy Ann Singletary '01 received her Doctor of Optometry degree from The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry on May 13, 2005. During her enrollment at UAB, she was on the dean's list all four years. She is the daughter of Worth and Joyce Singletary '71, former registrar at UNCP.

Mark Adams '02 was selected to serve on the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors for track and cross country. He is a former teacher at Hoke County High School.

Jason Atkinson '02 and Erica Autry were married March 5, 2005. Jason is employed with Bladen County Schools as a band director and will begin employment with UNCP in July as an instructional designer.

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2000s continued

Alisha Rae Blackmon '02 and William Bradley Leggett, both of Lumberton, N.C., were married Nov. 6, 2004, in Lumberton. She works for S. Preston Douglas & Associates LLP, and he works for Packhouse Farms.

Curtis H. Cheeks '02 is a police officer for the City of High Point, N.C.

Susan Hilbourn '02 works for the Cumberland County Department of Social Services as a social worker.

Terri Sue Maynor '02 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a youth development specialist. On July 23, 2005, she will marry Johnny E. Guevara Jr. of Miami, Fla., a U.S. Special Forces soldier deployed to Afghanistan.

James Nichols '02 is a teaching assistant for the University of Florida and the National Technological University in Gainesville, Fla.

Bobbie Smith Onorio '02 and husband **Dane Onorio '02** were married June 22, 2002, in Manteo, N.C. Their daughter was born August 29, 2004. Dane is a police officer for the Montgomery County Police Department, and Bobbie is a stay-at-home mother.

Tanya Terille Scott '02 of Pembroke, N.C., and **Namon Ray Bullard** of Red Springs, N.C., were married Jan. 8, 2005. The bride works for Community Hospice, and the groom works for MW Electric.

Ashley Walker '02, '04 is a clinical research coordinator for Duke University Medical Center. His spouse attends dental school at UNC. The couple resides in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dana Reece Byrd '03 is employed by Jernigan Law Firm as a workers' compensation and personal injury paralegal in Apex, N.C.

Stacie Lewis '03 works as a legal assistant for Page & Rogers P.A. in Lumberton, N.C.



Austin Tremblay '03 has been teaching at the North China Institute of Science and Technology (NCIST) in Yanjiao, China since February. Austin teaches classes focused predominantly on American culture. He returns to the United States in July.

Wahkuna C. Lowery '03 was hired by the Scotland Center on Sept. 8, 2004, as an intense case manager. She and husband **Reginald Aaron Lowery** have a 17-month-old daughter, **Cyra Guiliania Lowery**, born Aug. 30, 2003. Wahkuna is applying to Webster University to obtain a master's degree in counseling.

Tiffany McMillan '03 works in northern Virginia as a financial consultant.

Charles Keith Oxendine '03 works for the N.C. Department of Transportation. He and his fiancée, **Amber**, are expecting a baby in September 2005.

Charlotte Anne Walker Sill '03 gave birth to a daughter, **Mary Evelyn**, on Dec. 1, 2004. Charlotte and her family reside in Louisburg, N.C.

Laura Stone '03 and **Coy Collins '02** were married April 9, 2005, in Lumberton, N.C. Laura works for Community Home Care and Hospice in Elizabethtown, N.C. Coy works for the N.C. State Employees Credit Union in Elizabethtown. The couple resides in Lumberton.

Winifred A. Winston '03 is a client care specialist with ATX Communications in Towson, Md.

Alicia Locklear Brayboy '04 is a medical social worker for Advantage Hospice in Lumberton, N.C.



Jacqueline E. Colonel '04 is an admissions counselor at Francis Marion University (FMU). She plans to pursue her Masters of Education in instructional accommodation at FMU.



Ben Deese '04 completed basic law enforcement training at the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salem, N.C.

James Evans '04 works for Metrics Inc. in Greenville, N.C., as an analytical chemist.

Cara Glick '04 works for Jones, Garland and Peterman as a legal assistant in Wilmington, N.C.

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2000s continued

Nathan Graham '04 was accepted into New Mexico State University's Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing. He works for BBH Design as a marketing associate.

Scott D. Graniero '04 is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and is stationed in Quantico, Va. After two months of basic training, he will leave for officer training.

Gautam Hayer '04 was admitted to the public administration program at Rutgers University in Newark, N.J.

Stacey Bumgarner Hodge '04 married William Hodge of Thomasville, N.C., on Dec. 18, 2004. She is a physical education teacher with Lee County Schools.

Charles Jones '04 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a science teacher.

Bryony Moultrie Maitra '04 was married May 23, 2004. She and husband Saurav Maitra reside in Cary, N.C. She is an adoption and foster care social worker with the Lee County Department of Social Services.

Brent Dixon Nye '04 and Heather Lynn Humphrey, both of Red Springs, N.C., were married Nov. 6, 2004. He is employed with Walgreen's in Fayetteville, N.C., and she works for Hair Plus in Lumberton, N.C. The couple resides in Red Springs.

Bruce Pier '04 is running the 30th Annual Marine Corps Marathon on October 31 for St. Jude's Kids, a program for children being treated for cancer.

Quiana Monique Robinson '04 works for Bayer Health Care as a lab technician in Raleigh, N.C.

Eugene Mitchell "Tre" Smith III '04 and April Michelle Walters, both of Lumberton, N.C., were married Dec. 4, 2004. The bride works for Southeastern Regional Medical Center as a registered nurse, and the groom works for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in management. The couple resides in Lumberton.

Wendy Locklear '05 works for Hoke County Public Schools as a pre-kindergarten teacher.

In Memoriam

Ellen Hubbard, wife of
Professor James F. Hubbard, who retired from the
Department of Psychology and Counseling,
died Dec. 10, 2004, in Florida.

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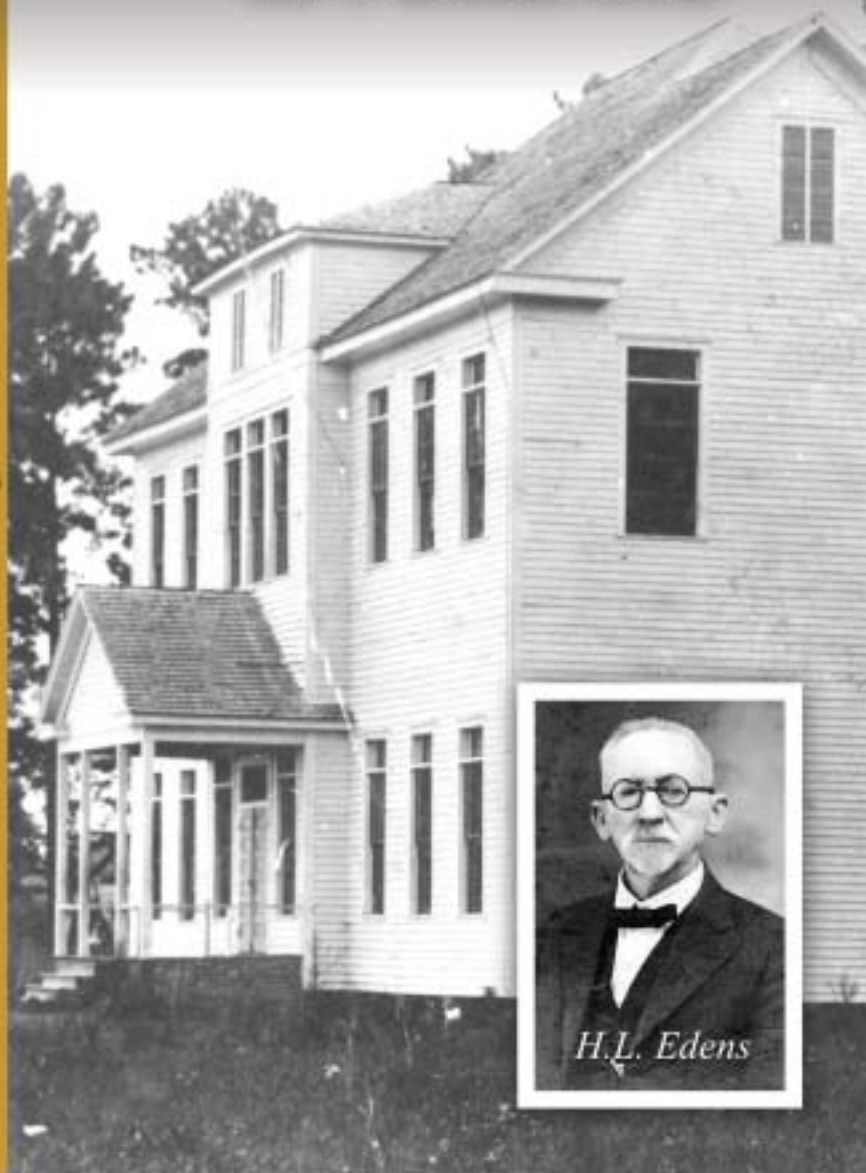
In 1887, an acre of land, opposite New Hope Church in the Pates community, was purchased from Rev. William Jacobs for \$8. A two-story building was erected and Croatan Normal School opened with 15 students and one teacher.

By 1909, it was obvious that the school had outgrown its original building and that the center of community activity had shifted to Pembroke, one and a half miles from the campus. Consequently, the new principal, H. (Henry) L. Edens (1908-1912), proposed to the Board of Trustees that the institution be moved to Pembroke, and they agreed. The North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$3,000 toward a new building, and the American Indians began a fund-raising campaign for additional monies. Ten acres were purchased from E.L. Odum for \$500. With the state appropriation, plus \$800 raised locally, the school was moved to its present site with a minimum of disruption.

The first building erected on the present campus was used as a classroom building, and contained three recitation rooms and an auditorium. The auditorium was filled with home-made seats and contained one Stieff piano, paid for by the patrons of the school.

This building was located at the site of the present-day Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building. It was removed in 1924.

The first dormitory was constructed in 1915, followed by Old Main in 1923.



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