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Magazine ranks UNCP high for service to military

For the second consecutive year, the University was selected by *Military Advanced Education* magazine as one of the top military-friendly universities in the U.S.

With approximately 16,000 military and Department of Defense civilian subscribers, *Military Advanced Education* is a quarterly publication focused on higher education for the military. It was founded to address the growing need for advanced education, professional development or additional coursework within the military and qualified Department of Defense civilians. Its audience includes mid-career military officers and education offices.

The strengths of UNCP's application included:

- flexibility regarding standard policies, such as drop-add;
- dollar value of education received, such as comparative tuition and fees structure;
- UNCP's contribution to learning resources; and
- flexibility regarding the schedule of courses.

UNCP launched an aggressive campaign in 2003 to offer more degree programs. Based on the University's demonstrated high value and proven academic rigor, the University was approved to offer seven degree programs at Fort Bragg.

On the military reservation, UNCP offers undergraduate programs in:

- Bachelor of Science in nursing
- Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in management
- Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice

Graduate programs:

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Arts in physical education
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Chancellor's Message

Alumni, Donors and Friends



Over the past semester, we had many things to be thankful for at the University.

First and foremost, we are truly thankful for the support of our alumni and friends. Many of them are listed on the pages of this edition of *UNCP Today*.

Some of our best donors and scholarship recipients were honored recently at the annual

Scholarship Recognition Dinner. It was a memorable evening of fellowship for all who attended.

We continue to make new friends, like NC Beautiful, and to enjoy long-time friendships. I hope you will take the opportunity to read the article in this edition on Lumbee Elders, who are all proud alumni.

Tradition runs deep at GPAC, now in its 33rd season. The Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center has a distinguished history and an exciting future. Take a trip through time with some of the people who have supported it, from the audience and behind the curtain.

In December, 444 graduates received diplomas during the Winter Commencement ceremony. Our future alumni are already making us proud. Their accomplishments are something we can all be thankful for.

In the fall semester there were many accomplishments. With nine wins and only one loss, the football team posted the best record of any football team in North Carolina.

The Women's Soccer Team, which has been coached by Lars Andersson for all eight years of its existence, had its best season ever. With a record of 19-3-1, they earned the first NCAA tournament bid in the program's history.

Congratulations to the more than 400 student-athletes, who represent your University with distinction! Our faculty and student scholars are distinguishing themselves.

Students, like Theresa Williams, are conducting cutting edge research. Dr. Charles Beem, a member of the History Department faculty, has produced his second book on the English monarchy. And, Dr. Stan Knick, director of the Native American Resource Center, continues to produce his third documentary film on American Indians of North Carolina.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that the financial climate of the University, and others, is strained by the challenging economic situation. My pledge to you is the same as my pledge to our students, faculty and staff. We will do everything possible to maintain the highest quality academic and other programs of this institution.

What better time for our alumni and friends to step up to the plate for their University. Your help would be appreciated.

Thank you and here's to a great 2009!

Allen C. Meadors

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

UNCP graduated 444 on December 13

On a cool and crisp December 13, 2008, morning, UNC Pembroke graduated 444 in its Winter Commencement ceremony.

Joy, memories and thankfulness mixed with anticipation. Keynote speaker Dr. Mark Canada, a faculty member and winner of the 2008 UNC Board of Governors Excellence in Teaching Award, urged graduates to become heroes.

"Now is your turn," Dr. Canada said. "We need heroes in social work, business, education and families.

"Some of you will find jobs in the months ahead, and some of you will serve your families and communities without a paycheck, but all of you will have a chance to serve," he said.

"Let future generations say of us, 'they did more than all of their ancestors combined,'" he said. "Let them say, 'they ended poverty, racism, child abuse and war.'

"Let them say, 'they studied and revered the great generations that preceded them and became even a greater generation,'" he added. "Let them read the pages of our story and exult in the triumph and the glory of human achievement."

Graduates were hopeful as they commenced their lives in a difficult economy, as David Parks noted.

"I'm moving to Charlotte, and I want to work for an international oil and gas company, which is a perfect fit for my double major in biology and Spanish," Parks said. "I'm getting married when my girlfriend graduates. I'll move furniture if I have to."

Many UNCP graduates have jobs lined up or began their careers. They were thankful for that and many things.

"I'm thankful for the support of my family and the scholarship help I received," said Matthew Blue, a mathematics education major. "I will start teaching at St. Pauls High School in January."

Graduates Sandra Roberts and John Schrenker got a head start in the working world. Both began teaching jobs in December with the help of an early release program.

"I'm a third grade teacher with Richmond County Schools," Schrenker said. "I'm thankful for my family today."

"I am teaching first grade at St. Pauls Elementary School," Roberts said. "I'd like to especially thank my husband and two children, who are all here today."

Lena Locklear, RN, BSN, worked full time while she studied for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

"I hope to move into management and enroll in a master's program soon," Locklear said. "This degree was not easy because I took a heavy course load."



444 graduated at Winter Commencement in December 2008.

In her welcoming remarks, Student Government Association President Hannah Simpson encouraged the graduates to celebrate their accomplishments.

"Sure, there were good times here," Simpson said. "But do not be held back by a daunting economy; instead, remember the historic and life changing events that you participated in over the last four years.

"The problem is not the problem," she said. "It's the attitude you bring to the problem that matters," she said.

Other welcoming remarks were brought by Dr. Cheryl Locklear, a member of the UNC Board of Governors, a UNCP graduate and former trustee; Dr. Anthony Curtis, chair of the Faculty Senate; Jason Bentzler, president of the Alumni Association; and Dr. Breeden Blackwell, chair of the Board of Trustees and a UNCP graduate.

In his parting remarks,

Chancellor Meadors encouraged the graduates to honor their heritage but "keep your focus on the future."

"The thing that distinguishes most successful people is how hard he or she works," he said. "Work hard and be passionate about your work.

"It's been our pleasure to have you here," he concluded.

Of the estimated 444 graduates, 94 earned advanced degrees. Commencement was held in the Main Gym of the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center and was attended by 3,500 faculty, family and friends. ■

Katy Locklear crowned in Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant

by Chris Adams, Contributing Writer

Sophomore Katy Locklear was crowned Miss UNCP 2009 January 29 at the 57th annual Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant in the Givens Performing Arts Center at the University.

Locklear, a 19-year-old elementary education major and Lumberton, N.C., native, competed against six contestants in the on-stage interview question, swimsuit, talent and evening gown wear competition.

Locklear won a \$1,000 scholarship, free housing for one semester and a \$1,000 wardrobe allowance to compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant this summer.

"I'm going to Miss North Carolina, and I'm so excited," said Locklear. "I'm thankful to the pageant committee and everyone who helped me get here."

Locklear's platform was breast cancer awareness.

"In 2008, 400 men were diagnosed with this disease," she said in her on-stage interview. "It is important that they (men) get a yearly mammogram as well as women."

Locklear performed "I Am Changing" from the musical "Dreamgirls" during the talent competition and had a lot of supporters.

Marion Victoria Smith, a junior biology and chemistry major and Ellerbe, N.C., native, was named the first runner-up and voted Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants. Smith received a \$500 scholarship.

Junior Shahnee Haire from Durham, N.C., was second runner-up, receiving a \$300 scholarship, and freshman Ashton Young from Garner, N.C., was third runner-up, receiving a \$200 scholarship.

Miss North Carolina Amanda Lauren Watson, and Pembroke resident Gary C. Strickland served as the mistress and master of ceremonies and kept the audience entertained.

Miss UNCP 2008 Jamee Atkins Hunt, a Rowland, N.C., native and Miss North Carolina first runner-up, took her final walk as reigning queen and gave her farewell to family and friends.

"I will continue in my efforts to promote my platform 'Dropout Prevention through ACTIONS: A Commitment to Improve our Nation's Students' as well as my work with the Children's Miracle Network," said Hunt.

"These ladies have worked very hard during this process," said Frederick Stephens, who serves on the production committee. "I'm proud of them."

Entertainment was provided by the Miss UNCP 2008 court:

Miss UNCP Outstanding Teen Brianna Hunt, who performed "Hero" by Mariah Carey; Miss UNCP Carolina Princess Haley Oxendine, who performed a tap dance routine; and Miss UNCP Outstanding Teen Carolina Princess Shayla Hunt, who danced to "Works Hard for the Money" by Donna Summer.

Additional entertainment was rendered by the 2008 UNCP "Idol," Preston Siler, who delivered two acappella selections. Mistress of ceremonies and Miss North Carolina Amanda Watson performed her own rendition of "Amazing Grace."

Earlier Thursday, the contestants were interviewed by the judges, which counted as 25 percent of the total score. The on-stage interview question counted as five percent, the swimsuit competition counted as 15 percent, talent was 35 percent and the evening gown wear counted as 20 percent.

Also competing for the title was sophomore broadcasting major, Alaina Bowden, and sophomore biology major, Aylin Nunez, both from Fayetteville, N.C., and sophomore art education major, Arlene Grady, from Spring Hope, N.C.



Katy Locklear, Miss UNCP 2009



From Left: Jamee Hunt, Miss UNCP 2008; Ashton Young, 3rd runner-up; Shahnee Haire, 2nd runner-up; Katy Locklear, Miss UNCP 2009; and Marion Victoria Smith, 1st runner-up.

Undergraduate researcher seeks to advance the knowledge of soil science

A research project in a greenhouse on the campus of the University seeks to unlock the secret of charcoal and soil.

The recent discovery of charcoal-enriched Terra Preta or black earth in remote areas of South America has prompted researchers, including UNCP student Theresa Williams, to see what charcoal can do for plants.

“Terra Preta has a lot of bio-char and is very fertile even though it’s about 1,000 years old,” said Williams, who is a senior biology major with a concentration in botany.

Besides adding to the fertility of the soil, the permanent nature of bio-char (which is mostly carbon) in the soil is another plus.

“Once in the soil, the carbon does not decompose, and because it is tied to the soil, it is not released into the atmosphere to add to global warming,” Williams said.

There are additional environmental benefits to the research project, if it proves out.

“If the bio-char in the soil works to prevent plant disease, then we can use less chemicals to grow plants,” Williams said. “If we can get a soil manufacturer to use bio-char, we will have advanced soil science.”

The project began about a year ago with the preparation of a research grant application to NC Beautiful, a non-profit foundation dedicated to environmental preservation. UNCP’s Pembroke Undergraduate Research Center (PURC) coordinates the grant.

“I like NC Beautiful’s mission because it’s about stewardship,” Williams said. “The grant proposal took a lot of planning.”

Last year, NC Beautiful added UNCP to its growing list of institutions eligible for undergraduate research grants, said Dr. Lee Phillips, associate director for the Pembroke Undergraduate Research Center.

“In the near future, we hope to establish additional fellowships like this one,” Dr. Phillips said. “Additional support for undergraduate research is always welcome.”

“This is an interesting research project with potential for broad applications,” he continued. “We look forward to a long relationship with NC Beautiful and more projects like this one.”

With a \$3,000 grant in hand, Williams and her advisor, UNCP plant pathologist Dr. Debbie Hanmer, began laying the foundation for the research a year ago.

The project is focused on one plant disease – *Phytophthora nicotianaea* - a common water mold and soil-borne pathogen that attacks ornamentals as well as tobacco and tomatoes. At UNCP, it is attacking a batch of garden-variety petunias.

“We picked this particular pathogen because it is relatively easy to culture and a common cause of root rot in plants,” Dr. Hanmer said. “This is a very interesting piece of research.”

Besides being a non-traditional student, Dr. Hanmer said Williams is no ordinary student.

“Theresa is a very good student with an inquiring mind,” she said. “She is very enthusiastic and not afraid to ask questions.”

“In her other life, she manages three greenhouses, each much larger than this one,” Dr. Hanmer said. “She comes with a lot of practical experience.”

Williams works at the Lady Bug Greenhouse in Hope Mills, N.C., where she is the manager and in charge of growing. It is a family business, and she has worked there for 18 years.

Taking courses at several schools over the years, Williams’ goal is to go to graduate school and enter into research or a teaching career.

“It’s been a long process where I grabbed every course I could,” she said. “At this point in my life, I would like to work with my brain instead of my hands.”

The study of science has had benefits for her business too. “Science helps,” Williams said. “The scientific method and thinking in that way is helpful.”

“I apply the same way of thinking on the job,” she said. “It’s a process of elimination that makes you look at the whole picture.”

The picture in UNCP’s greenhouse is getting clearer as Williams isolates the amount of water mold she will use in the final phase of the research project. Standing in front of a row of purple petunias, she explains.

“We aren’t using any bio-char yet,” she said. “Right now we’re trying to find the right level of pathogens to use in our experiment.”

“If it kills the plant in a week, I can’t use it,” Williams laughed.



Dr. Debbie Hanmer (right) and student Theresa Williams illustrate poor root growth (left) caused by a pathogen and the healthy root growth of petunias.

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The making of a great university Quad

Like a puzzle, the University Quad has come together a piece at a time.

A truly great Quad came together last fall with the replacement of walkways in front of Moore, Locklear and D.F. Lowry halls. The gracefully curved walkways are the ribbons that tie the package together.

At best, campus walkways are invisible; at worst, pedestrians find themselves stumbling along ‘cow path’ shortcuts and tripping over bricks.

The new Quad is the best of all worlds. The stamped concrete walkways are like invisible rails that carry travelers to their destinations through scenic and historic vistas.

Many people have put their stamp on the Quad from President English E. Jones to Chancellor Meadors, under whose care and vision the modern transformation has taken place.

“When our alumni remember their time here, the Quad should be high on their list of important campus places,” Chancellor Meadors said. “A quad should be attractive and speak to the history of the institution.

“I think we have accomplished a nice balance,” he said. “It’s a place we can all be proud of.”

Under Chancellor Meadors’ watch, the Water Feature was installed in 2002 as the Quad’s centerpiece. It features nearly an acre of open water, an Amphitheatre, the Whitney and Alicia Jones Bridge, fountain and gardens.

Next, the Ira Pate and Reba M. Lowry Bell Tower was renovated in 2003. The tower proudly plays the school Alma Mater on its new carillon. It displays UNCP and UNC system seals and keeps time on four sides.

Between 2005-08, the three 1940-60s era classroom buildings were renovated and updated with new features:

- Moore Hall has a large band room.
- Locklear Hall has an impressive art gallery and painting studio.
- D.F. Lowry, home to the Social Work Department, has a small restaurant with patio seating.

In 2007, the plaza in front of Old Main received an historic makeover with the Heritage Walk at the foot of its signature columns. The name of every graduate, from the University’s founding through

1955, are engraved into a renovated plaza that incorporates the Arrowhead and Hamilton McMillan statues.

The designer responsible for Heritage Walk also designed the Bell Tower, landscaping and the walkways. Frank Britt, a project manager for the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction, designed and supervised the installation of 25,000 square feet of walkways.

“Jones Bridge over the Water Feature was the focal point of the walkways, and the lines radiate from there,” Britt said. “A second hub connects pedestrians from the Bell Tower and Locklear and Moore halls.”

The design was made more complex by the need to balance practicality and design.

A square design would have been functional, but lacking grace, or as Britt said: “Straight lines would also have forced the removal of more shade trees.”

Britt said walkways should also bring out the best features of the Quad.

“The Water Feature and the sound of water are like a magnet that everybody wants to move past and enjoy,” he said.

Five buildings and a bridge had to be connected. There were requirements for improved handicapped accessibility, drainage and lighting as well as seating at the restaurant and several “Legacy Benches,” contributed by donors.

Landscaping presented another puzzle and saving as many full-grown trees as possible was a priority. Seven trees were ultimately removed, but only two provided shade. One dogwood was moved and four oaks, three crape myrtles and one river birch were planted.

The University also wanted a place to exhibit outdoor art, so four crushed stone sculpture gardens were incorporated at the front of Locklear Hall. Sculptor Adam Walls has several of his and his students’ sculptures on display.

Dr. Richard Gay, chair of the Art Department, said the walkways are a “great addition” that make the Quad a campus “destination.”

“It speaks to the cultural environment,” Dr. Gay said. “We are creating inviting environments that create interesting communities and exchanges of all kinds.



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“The oval in front of Locklear Hall is a nice focal point for our building and a great place to display our student and faculty work or the work of a visiting artist,” he continued.

Pedestrians and visitors also seem pleased.

Joy McGugan '83, '05 had not visited Locklear Hall since the walkways were completed. She enjoyed the outdoor sculpture areas too.

“It works really well,” she said. “The curves are much easier on the senses.”

Janet Gentes, a student and University employee, observed the construction as she strolled to art classes.

“We’ve never had an outdoor space devoted to displaying art like this,” Gentes said. “It puts art in the public eye.

“I love it, and I love the idea of it,” she continued. “On the practical side, it has improved handicapped access for our students using wheelchairs.”

Over the years, this piece of real estate has been transformed many times. Britt said the project was an archaeological dig at times.

“We knew there were two old roads here, and we hit a large block of concrete in front of Moore Hall,” he said. “We think it was a footing for the water tower.”

Tennis courts, parking lots, the old gym and Sampson Hall are other ghosts of the Quad’s past.

The 21st century Quad also earns its keep. It has become home to many traditions – new and old – including band concerts, Pembroke Day, powwows, large sculptures and much more.

The beating heart of academia on campus, the Quad has been transformed into a working piece of history and art. ■



Givens Performing Arts Center

When the idea for a performing arts center was born, its mission was to host University functions, community events and a few special events. Over almost 35 years, it has done that and more, much more.

On the pages that follow is the story of the Performing Arts Center, renamed in 1985 before the 10th season as the Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center or GPAC. The story is told by the people who made it great - Chancellor Meadors, past directors, staff, faculty and loyal supporters.

When it opened in 1975, GPAC - with its 65-foot stage, 1,600 seats and ultra-modern design - was a dream come true. Other universities and communities still wish for a facility like it.

GPAC serves up many University concerts, student theatrical performances and functions. It also serves the community as a site for gospel sings, meetings and, of course, beauty pageants. There have been six directors: Al Dunavan, Enoch Morris, Bill Biddle, John Drtina, Holden Hansen and Patricia Fields, who joined GPAC in 2001.

As its audience grew during the first 20 years, GPAC's programs got better and



GPAC Staff: First row from left: Dedra Sanderson, box office; Patricia Fields, director; Lenea Barela, technical operations manager. Second row from left: Dr. Chet Jordan, theatre dept.; David Thaggard, associate director. Third row from left: Hal Davis, musical theatre; Tasha Oxendine, marketing director; and Gary Tremblay, technical director.

more diverse. Children's programs, beginning with the Red Balloon Series, augmented big musicals, big bands, symphony orchestras, plays, stand-up comedy and distinguished speakers.

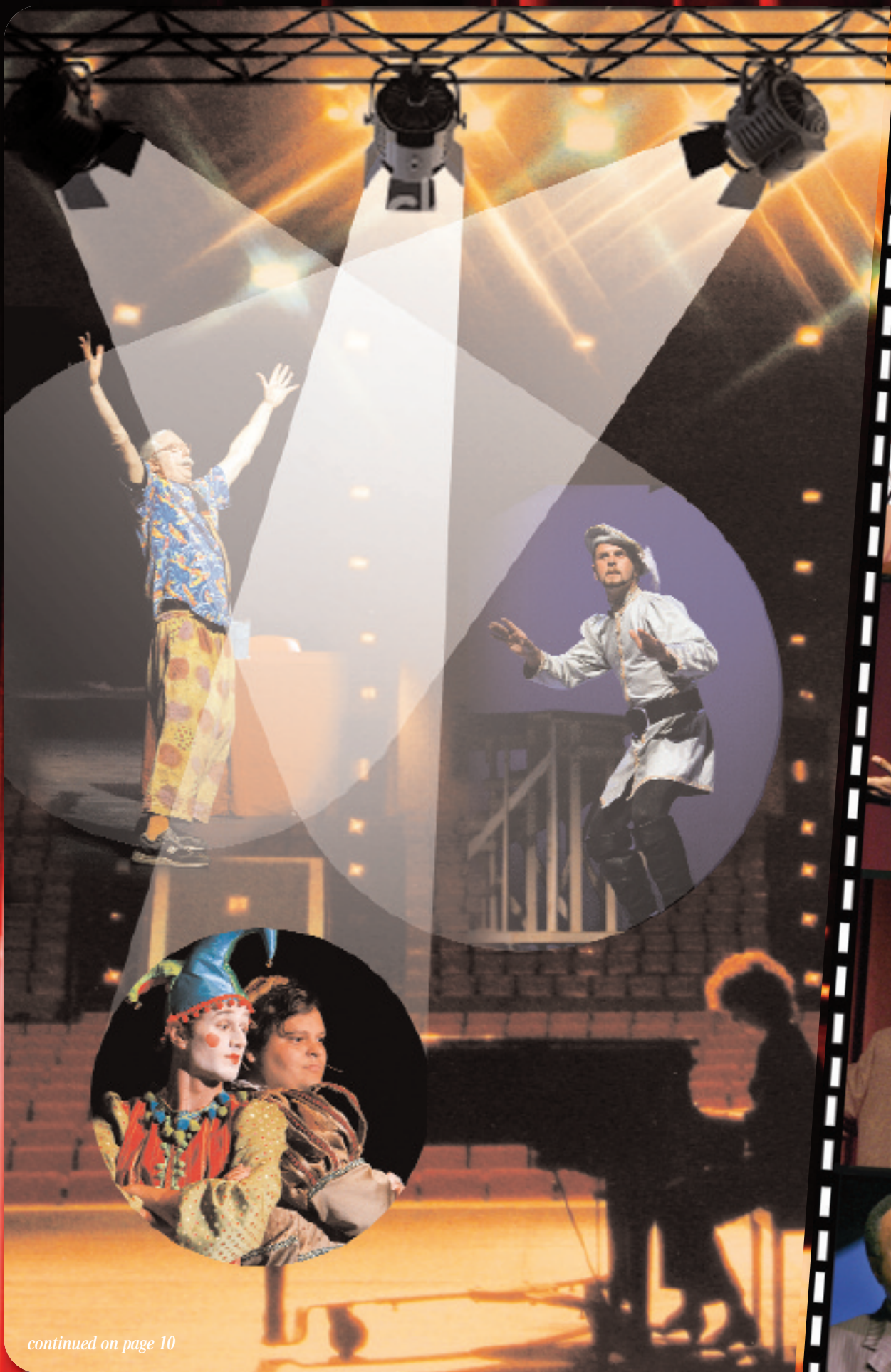
Ten years ago, a new era dawned as Chancellor Meadors drove the University's enrollment higher. Clearly, there was more potential and Chancellor Meadors tapped it. The Distinguished Speaker Series became its own series, the Nostalgia Concert Series was born and Hip Hop artists and stand-up comedy also arrived, reaching out to even more diverse audiences.

GPAC! It's a long-running success story of entertainment and more, much more.

Chancellor Meadors

Ten years ago when I arrived on this campus, I may not have fully appreciated the Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center. Sometime during the first show I attended, I was sold. What an asset for a University, its students and faculty! And what an asset for this community! During my first year, I worked on plans to enhance GPAC's value to its many audiences. We launched the Nostalgia Concert Series and spun off and expanded the Distinguished Speaker Series. It has been a great run and so much fun. Who could forget "Hairspray" or "Tap Dogs" or Mac Davis, Glenn Campbell, Roy Clark, Maya Angelou or Bob Woodward? It is the stuff that great memories are made of. I am so proud of this building and the programs on its stage. The best is yet to come. To our patrons, thank you for your support. If you are not a regular member of the audience, I invite you to come see for yourself. I truly believe you will love the GPAC experience just as I do.





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Directors and Staff



Al Dunavan, Founding Director, 1975-81, retired
It's the biggest stage I've ever worked.

I came to Pembroke in 1965. President (English) Jones never mentioned the idea of a performing arts center for three-four years. English Jones' thinking was about 10 years ahead of everybody else. President Jones and I met with the architects. I remember riding home with Dr. Jones and telling him "we could be in trouble." He said, "it's your building; get what you want." He wanted us to take care of the needs of the people in the community. I think we succeeded.

Before there was a Performing Arts Center, we staged plays in Old Main and the Gym, but mostly in little old Moore Hall. We did "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific" there. It took a little imagination.

We did well with gospel sings and beauty pageants. One Thanksgiving, my son and I cleaned the building between shows. We had Thanksgiving dinner right there in the PAC.

The first show we presented was Lily Tomlin. We got a little criticism because of her material. Audiences have matured since then.

Enoch Morris, Director, 1981-89, Director of the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts in Columbus, Ga.

I came to Pembroke in 1977. When GPAC was built, it was the envy of every college and university in North Carolina. It cost \$1.7 million if I remember correctly. I built a similar facility in Springfield, Mo., for \$17 million and the center I'm in now cost \$87 million. It would be almost impossible to build a GPAC today.

While I was there, we added a sound system and a counter-weight system. Then, we were able to bring bigger shows like "Evita." We converted to a season ticket program and produced the first brochure. We put on bigger shows, and the student theatre program grew too. I was able to hire Chet Jordan. The other great hire was Bill Biddle who replaced me. I started the Champagne Gala and was able to get Belk to sponsor it. But Bill took fundraising and GPAC to the next level.

William R. 'Bill' Biddle, Director, 1989-93, Executive Director of the Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, Va.

I came as technical director. My wife, Carmen, who is a PSU graduate, and I still follow GPAC. I have fond memories of our days there, and we feel a close connection with Pembroke. My work at GPAC helped me take the next steps in my career.

The institutional support there was great. Mel Torme, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Al Hirt, Winton Marsalis and Ray Charles were some of my favorite shows. We had wonderful supporters whose financial contributions allowed us to do more. GPAC attracts the best and the brightest performers – a who's who of show business. It is part of the cultural fabric of the community. GPAC proves the transformative power of the arts.

We always had lots of students working for us. I stay in touch with 20-30 of them.

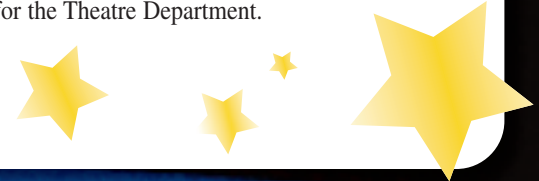
John Drtina, Director, 1993-97; Assistant Professor of Design; Rhynsburger Theater; University of Missouri – Columbia

I really enjoyed my time in Pembroke. Absolutely, I am still a big fan of GPAC. We brought in some great Broadway shows ("My Fair Lady," "Grand Hotel" and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers") and big bands (Count Basie, Glen Miller, Preservation Hall and Artie Shaw). I enjoyed working with our patrons. We always tried to offer entertainment at the dinners before the show.

Holden Hansen, Director, 1997-2001, Associate Professor of Theatre, UNCP

With Chancellor Meadors' support, we started the Nostalgia Concert Series. Before that, we had acts like the Kingston Trio and the Coasters, Drifters and Platters that were very successful. We were able to tie these concerts to important University events such as Homecoming and Parents Weekend.

GPAC feeds directly into our theatre program in many ways. We teach our students about theatre, and at GPAC, they get to see it done on a very professional level. Then, they get to stage their own productions. GPAC is a remarkable asset for this community and very important for the Theatre Department.



Patricia Fields, Director, 2001-present

Words fail me when I attempt to describe what a thrill and honor it is to be the director of the Givens Performing Arts Center. To have a job that brings such delight to so many people is a joy.

We work very hard to stage the many events we produce. I am blessed to have great administrative support from Chancellor Meadors and Dr. Diane Jones. We are blessed tremendously with a loyal audience who enjoys diverse entertainment.

Besides a stage for the performing arts, GPAC is a resource for our community. It is host to many, many important community events and meetings.

We've come a long way since the first show in 1975. Many people have contributed to GPAC's success and many renovations have been made to make this building what it is today. What a great time we have here and what a great story this building is. I sincerely hope it is a never-ending story! Please join us.

Dr. Chet Jordan, Theatre Professor, 1979-present

I am still thrilled to be here. We're rehearsing right now for "You Can't Take it with You." When I joined the faculty, I was the only full-time theatre professor. We've grown a good bit over 30 years. We have two full-time faculty, a music theatre professor in the Music Department, a costumer and a set designer. University Theatre has done some really successful and popular shows.

Many people who worked with GPAC have gone on to do great things in theatre. For Chancellor Givens, GPAC was the football

team because it brought so many people to Pembroke. I go to all the shows.

David Thaggard, Associate Director

I've worked full-time at GPAC for 15 years and as a student for six years before that. Bill Biddle and Enoch Morris convinced me to get into the Arts Administration program, and I minored in theatre. My responsibilities include programming, advance for shows and day-to-day operations of the building. I just returned from New York where I worked on next season.

Several things stand out in my mind. It's been neat to have Broadway shows here that were running at the same time on Broadway, like "Rent" and "Thoroughly Modern Millie." We've had plays, like "Hairspray" and "Jekyll and Hyde," that were recently released as movies.

The caliber of productions in the last seven-eight years has been over the top – great titles and very professional.

I haven't nailed anything down for next season yet, but I'm working hard on it. I'm also thinking about programs for our 35th anniversary season, which is the 2010-11 season. It will be a special year for us.

Season Ticket Holders

Jess and Judith Krall of Pinehurst, Patrons

We've been coming to Givens since we moved to Pinehurst. Joe Oxendine (Chancellor Emeritus) is our neighbor, and we sometimes carpool with him. We like everything about GPAC. We come to the dinners before the shows. The Champagne Gala is lovely. We also attend some of the Speaker Series. The quality and variety of the performances are outstanding, and its staff is lovely. If I could say just one thing about it, it would be that GPAC is the best-kept secret in the world.

Dorothy Wilkerson of Lumberton, Patron

I recently attended "Ain't Misbehavin." It was great to see a sold-out audience. I have been a season ticket holder since the first year. I also go to the Nostalgia and Speaker series. Every season has been good, and this season is as good as we've had. I'm happy that we have something like GPAC so close to home.

Trudy and David Craig of Hope Mills, Advisory Board Members and Patrons

We've been patrons for about 15 years. We enjoy theatre whether we're on stage, behind stage or in the audience. Our motto is "have show; we'll go!"

I was executive director of the Ft. Bragg Playhouse, and we've been involved in many productions throughout the region. I would compare GPAC to the RBC Center in Raleigh. GPAC does a great job.

Dorothy Blue of Pembroke, Patron

I've been attending since Al Dunavan started it as the first director of GPAC. I enjoy the Broadway, Nostalgia and Speaker series. It's been a wonderful thing for this community and educational for our children too. It's been the first experience with live stage for many children. Number one, I give credit to the GPAC staff and board for providing the best in arts and entertainment. They bring programs for the entire family. We don't have to travel to New York to see the best. We have it right here, and it's affordable. I've enjoyed everything. People I've talked with enjoy the Diner's Club too, especially if they come from very far away. My favorites? That's a hard question. Maya Angelou, Percy Sledge, "Hairspray" and the last show I saw "Ain't Misbehavin."



Ground is broken for Pembroke's new Holiday Inn Express

Ground was blessed and broken for Pembroke's new Holiday Inn Express on Friday, January 9. It is a landmark event in the growth and development of the town and the University.

The project – a three-story, 63-room hotel – is owned by the First American Hotel Group, LLC, a group comprised of mostly local investors. It is located on Pembroke's fast-growing west side, just off N.C. 711 on Redmond Road.

Construction is expected to be finished in late September, said its general contractor Aaron Thomas, president of Metcon Construction of Pembroke.

Owners include Dr. Robin Cummings of Pinehurst, Dr. Jeff Collins of Pembroke, James Chavis of Lumberton, Johnny French of Blair Va., Jeff Jones of Pembroke, Dr. Curt Locklear of Pembroke and Theresa Tyler, originally from the Prospect community near Pembroke.

Speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony hailed the arrival of a hotel as a "tipping point," a "cornerstone" and a "new phase" in the development of the community. Chancellor Meadors spoke for the University.

"The changes in Pembroke over the last eight years are a marvel," Chancellor Meadors said. "I believe we've turned a corner.

"Countless visitors to the University will stay here, including sports teams and parents," he continued. "It is good economic news because this creates jobs in the construction phase and permanent jobs when it is completed."

Besides local investors, the project has a local flavor. Lumbee Guaranty Bank of Pembroke is handling the financing, and attorney Grady Hunt of Locklear, Jacobs & Hunt of Pembroke is its legal counsel.

The hotel will be first class with meeting space for groups of more than 100, said Dr. Cummings, who spoke for the owners.

"Despite the economic downturn, I am proud that the investors have not wavered because they saw the need for a hotel in this community," Dr. Cummings said. "We wanted a quality product with outstanding service, and that's what we'll have."

Dr. Cummings said the hotel is franchised through Intercontinental Hotels Group, PLC, a global company that represents 4,100 hotels and seven of the top brands.

Dr. Cummings thanked the Town of Pembroke, UNCP and Chancellor Meadors for its active support of the project and Beth Wilkerson, associate director of UNCP's Small Business and Technology Development Center, for assisting with business planning.

The project's architect is Isom Hamm Design Group, P.A., of Wilkesboro, N.C., and the civil engineer is Anderson Engineering & Associates, P.A., of Lumberton, N.C. ■



From left: Chancellor Meadors, McDuffie Cummings, Larry Brooks, Greg Cummings, Larry McNeill, Dr. Robin Cummings, Alexis Locklear, Dr. Curt Locklear Jr., Dr. Jeff Collins, Jerry Stephens, Milton Hunt, Raymond Cummings, Roger Oxendine, Noah Woods and Aaron Thomas

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The plants are responding predictably with root and plant development graduating from poor to robust with the levels of mold. The next phase will be to use a similar amount of mold and vary the bio-char.

"We did samples last year, and it looks promising," Williams said. Dr. Hanmer said the pathogen cultures and expertise for the research project came from NC State University and "is very interesting."

"Terra Preta research is a new research area, only about 10 years old," she said. "It could be a win-win situation in many directions.

"For instance, if a market for carbon credits develops, farmers who put it in their soil can make money," Dr. Hanmer said. "This project is about disease resistance, and we have another group working on fertility.

"The project is going well and will continue into next semester," Dr. Hanmer said. "Soil is a complex system and a lot of research is needed." ■



Theresa Williams holds a handful of bio-char.

In Memoriam



Gene Brayboy

Gene Brayboy

Gene Brayboy, a retired UNCP administrator and a career Public Health Service officer, died on November 4, 2008.

Brayboy retired from UNCP in 2003 as the director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, director of UNCP's Health Careers Opportunity

Program; children, Terry, Gene II, Lorener and Christian; siblings, Hilda Brayboy-Jones, Lois and Jerry; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two stepchildren.

Brayboy put his considerable energy into winning grants for 11 years. In 2003, Brayboy's office helped UNCP take in \$9.3 million in grants. Grant receipts and grant applications have steadily increased since Brayboy's arrival in 1992 when the University took in just \$485,000.

"We made dramatic gains under Gene's leadership," said Chancellor Emeritus Joseph B. Oxendine. "I had a great relationship with him, and I was saddened to hear of his passing.

"Gene was a great supporter of the University and the community," Dr. Oxendine said. "I got to know him when I was at Temple, and I knew he could help us."

Brayboy worked for many years to have UNCP designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a "minority serving" institution for its historic and future role educating American Indians. He also worked to improve the health of the surrounding region.

A member of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, he was elected to its Board of Directors in 2003.

Brayboy served in the Navy's U.S. Public Health Service. He earned an undergraduate degree from Shaw University and a Master's in Public Health degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. ■



Dr. Collie Coleman

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Dr. Collie Coleman, a senior administrator at the University, passed away on October 7, 2008.

A veteran and distinguished educator, Dr. Coleman was associate vice chancellor with the Office of Outreach. He joined the University in 2003 in the Office for Academic Affairs and was responsible for the Office of Distance Education,

the Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development and programs at 10 satellite campuses.

Chancellor Meadors offered his condolences to the family.

"We have lost a truly good man with the departure from this earth of Dr. Collie Coleman," Chancellor Meadors said. "He was not only a man of the highest integrity and commitment, but a loving husband, father and friend to many. We are all blessed to have known Collie."

Dr. Coleman supervised the growth of UNCP's online programs. Recently, UNCP ranked third in the UNC system for productivity of its online programs. Under his leadership, UNCP earned entry to Ft. Bragg's campus, and he pushed the University's outreach all the way to Wilmington, N.C., at Cape Fear Community College. Nearly 100 attended the ribbon cutting on February 20 for the Dr. Collie Coleman Learning Laboratory, located in the Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development at nearby COMtech business park.

Dr. Coleman graduated from Shaw University and earned a Ph.D. in higher education at The Ohio State University.

His wife, Anne H. Coleman, an assistant dean for research services at the Mary Livermore Library; two children, Kyle and Connie; and one grandchild, Kayla Anne, survive him.

A former Peace Corps volunteer and training director, Dr. Coleman earned South Carolina's "Order of the Palmetto" for his work at Allen University, where he was president from 1984-1994. ■



Dr. Rhoda Collins

Long-time education professor Dr. Rhoda Collins passes away

Dr. Rhoda Powers Collins died January 8 in Wilmington, N.C., where she resided. She joined the faculty in 1967 and retired in 2004.

A St. Pauls native, she received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degrees from

UNC-Chapel Hill and a doctorate in education from Duke University.

"She probably taught more public school teachers in our region than any other person," said Dr. Charles Jenkins, former provost. "I met her when I was a high school teacher. She was supervising student teachers at the time.

"She was a real mainstay at this University," Dr. Jenkins said.

A former student and Vice Chancellor for University and Community Relations, Dr. Glen Burnette, Jr. said Dr. Collins was an extremely well liked professor.

"Dr. Collins had outstanding working relationships with the public schools in our region," he said. "Dr. Collins was one of the best and most compassionate professors UNCP had to offer.

"This is sad news," he concluded. "She was one of my favorite professors."

There was a memorial service on January 31 in St. Pauls United Methodist Church. Dr. Collins is survived by a daughter Maria Warren.

Memorials may be made to Zimmer Cancer Center Foundation at 2259 S. 17th Street, Wilmington, N.C., 28401. ■

Faculty/Staff Mentions



Dr. Charles Beem

Historian **Dr. Charles Beem's** second book on English monarchs was published in October 2008 by Palgrave MacMillan Ltd. "The Royal Minorities of Medieval and Early Modern England," edited and co-authored by Dr. Beem, surveys the history of the six boy kings whose reigns constituted these "royal minorities." The UNCP scholar wrote the introduction, conclusion, and the chapter on King Edward VI (1547-1553) who became king at the age of nine.

Dr. Beem joined UNCP's faculty in 2003 after earning a doctorate from the University of Arizona. He teaches world civilization, medieval history and the history of the British Empire, and he launched a Web site, www.tudorhistory.com in 2008.

In 2006, he won an Outstanding Teaching Award, and in 2008, he won the Adolph L. Dial Award for Scholarship.

The film, "Our People: The Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation," was released in October, according to **Dr. Stan Knick**, director of the Native American Resource Center. The documentary film on the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation is the third in a series on the eight American Indian tribes of North Carolina to be produced by the Native American Resource Center at the University. At 28.5 minutes, they fit into a 30-minute broadcast television slot and are aired on UNCP's television station, WNCP-TV, which cablecasts them to about 100,000 homes. Dr. Knick's technical collaborator in the project is WNCP-TV engineer **George Johnson**. To purchase a DVD or for more information, please contact the Native American Resource Center at (910) 521-6282 or email nativemuseum@uncp.edu. ■



Dr. Stan Knick



George Johnson

N.C.'s Child Welfare Education Collaborative begins scholarship program

A new scholarship program aimed at attracting and training child welfare social workers had a celebration program on January 16 at the University.

Authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly, UNCP offers five \$8,000 annual scholarships to students willing to go to work in Child Protective Service Programs.

The program launched with State Sen. William Purcell, a retired pediatrician and child welfare advocate, as the keynote speaker.

A Laurinburg, N.C., native and in his 12th year representing District 25, Dr. Purcell serves as co-chair of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee, co-chair of the Senate Health Care Committee, and is a member of the Education/Higher Education Committee, Commerce Committee and Finance Committee.

In 2008, he was voted the 10th most effective member of the N.C. Senate by fellow senators, lobbyists and the state capital news correspondents.

The Child Welfare Education Collaborative's requirements are that recipients work one year with Child Protective Services at a Department of Social Services office in North Carolina for each year they receive the scholarship. They must also take the child welfare course and do a 480-hour internship at a Child Protective Services program.

"They will always have a job in child welfare," said Donza McLean, who is coordinating the collaborative. "The purpose of the scholarship program is to recruit students who have an interest in a child welfare career.

"There is a critical gap in the child welfare field," McLean said. "We're looking for students inside UNCP and outside the University who would get a social degree and work in this field."

McLean comes to UNCP after 13 years in Child Protective Services. She earned a Bachelor of Social Work from UNCP and a Master of Social Work from East Carolina University.

For information about the Child Welfare Collaborative, please contact McLean at (910) 775-4382 or email donza.mclean@uncp.edu. ■



Donza McLean

Women's soccer ends great season in the NCAA tournament

Talent, speed and senior leadership were the keys to the best women's soccer team in the program's eight-year history.

The team was ranked nationally for the first time, as high as number six. With a 19-3-1 record, the 2008-edition of Lady Braves' soccer also set a record for wins in a season.

The season ended for the 15th-ranked team in the second round of the NCAA tournament in Jefferson City, Tenn., with a 1-0 loss to 18th ranked Carson-Newman. It was the first tournament appearance in women's soccer history.

"We simply ran into a very good Carson-Newman team that played better than us that day," coach Lars Andersson said. "Carson Newman was the host team, and they had experience winning at this level and we did not."

Andersson, a Swedish import, has coached every game in women's soccer history at UNCP. In a post-season interview, he said things are looking up for his team.

"It used to be I was chasing students down the road, saying 'yes, we have a soccer team,'" the personable Andersson said. "Now, my email box is full and we are getting students from Raleigh, Charlotte and Greensboro.

"People know about UNCP soccer now, and they know about the other good things happening on this campus," he said. "The general success of the entire school – and football too – have been critical to the success of my program."

This was his most talented team, Andersson said.

"We went from good to great this year and established ourselves on a national scale," he said. "The word is out about UNCP!"

Before getting the NCAA bid, UNCP fought its way into the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) tournament championship game and came within nine minutes of winning it all.

The Lady Braves worked their way into the second round of the NCAA tournament with a 2-1 win over Pfeiffer. Melanie Cobb netted her 19th goal of the season in the first half, and PBC Freshman of the Year Britney Joiner tallied her team-leading fifth game-winning goal of the season.

Five team members were named to the 2008 all-conference team and the Daktronics Women's Soccer All-Southeast Region team.

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Athletics

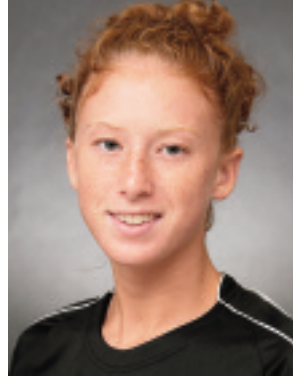
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Seniors **Whitney Beverly** and **Lauren Townsend** were named to the first team, while senior **Melanie Cobb** and sophomores **Faye Corbett** and **Brittany Greaves** earned a spot on the second team. It is the first time that more than two players earned all-region.



Beverly

■ Goalkeeper **Beverly**, a Richlands, N.C., native, played every minute of all 21 games during the season, allowing just 11 goals for a goals-against average of 0.52. She had 65 saves and a school record and conference record-tying 14 shutouts. Beverly's 14 shutouts rank ninth in the nation with a .667 shutout percentage.



Townsend

■ From Fuquay-Varina, N.C., **Townsend** joins Greaves as the first defenders to garner all-region accolades. She helped the Braves post 14 shutouts during the season. A member of the 2008 PBC all-conference team, Townsend played every minute of 21 contests.



Cobb

■ **Cobb**, also a Richlands native, was outstanding for the Lady Braves on offense and was named first team all-conference. Cobb set school single-season records in shots (114), points (48) and goals (19). She is the career record holder in shots, points, goals, game-winning goals and hat tricks. She ranked 23rd in the nation for points and second in the PBC.



Greaves

■ A defender, **Greaves** is a Wake Forest, N.C., product, who started 20 of 21 games during the season. The PBC all-conference team member registered 10 points on six assists and two goals, including the game-winning score against Catawba. She is one of five players to log more than 1,500 minutes during the season. ■



Corbett

■ **Corbett**, from Gothenburg, Sweden, had four goals and eight assists, including four game-winning assists. Named to the 2008 all-conference team, Corbett had 30 shots to her credit during the season, 16 of which were on target, and ranks sixth on the team with more than 1,300 minutes of playing time.



Braves Football was the story of the year in 2008

Braves stadium got a new name, and UNCP football got a reputation in 2008.

The stadium was dedicated to the memory of Grace P. Johnson, wife of E. Marvin Johnson who owns House of Raeford. Braves football got a reputation as a team to be feared after finishing the season 9-1.

“Ten weeks ago, no one knew who we were,” head coach Pete Shinnick said after the last game. “They didn’t even know Pembroke had a football team.

“I’m extremely proud of these guys for fighting the way they have all year,” he continued. “Nothing can take away from this great season.”

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, Chancellor Meadors said he is proud of the team’s success and how they represented the University.

“Our record was the best record of any collegiate team in North Carolina this season,” Chancellor Meadors said. “It was truly an outstanding season.

“The team represented us well and their record reflects well on our University,” he said.

In just the second season of the program, UNCP defied the odds. Highlights and records littered the campaign, and the defense was stout.

“We’ve got attitude on defense,” said safety Caylon Hann, who had seven interceptions to lead the team.

The defense forced turnovers and sacked quarterbacks with great frequency. The offense scored enough to win big games.

The signature contests of the season were upsets of two Division I (Football Championship Series) teams. Both Davidson College and Jacksonville University beat the Braves badly last year, and, not surprisingly, are not on the 2009 schedule.

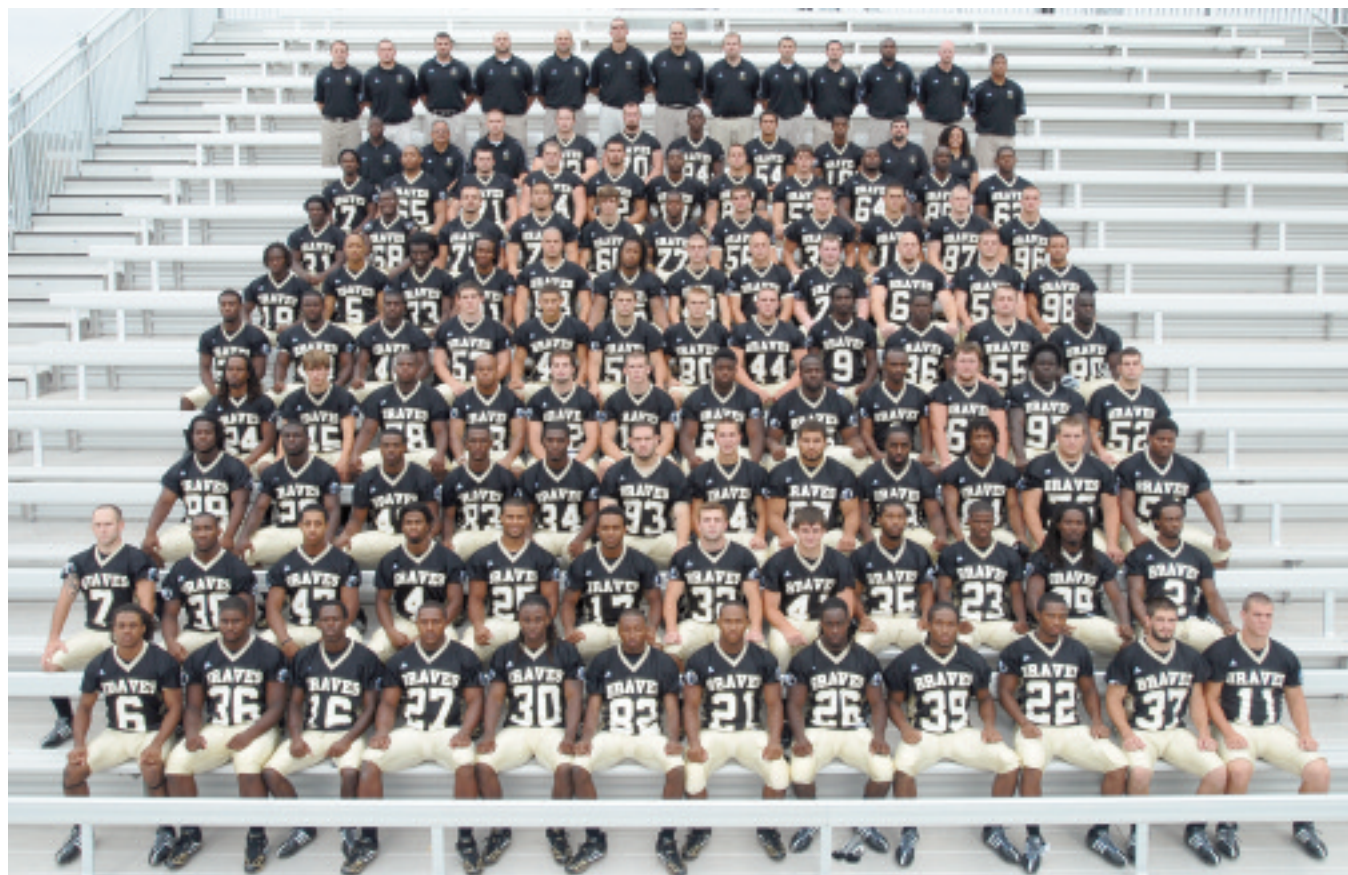
The Braves came from behind to win both games behind stellar defense and timely offense. The season ended with seven straight wins, and the Braves were 6-1 against teams that beat them the year before.

With only five seniors graduating - Charles Nieves, Kevin Inman, Darrin Watkins, Bo Noah and Ryan Horton – prospects are excellent for 2009.

“We have five seniors on this year’s team that can say they won their last seven college football games,” coach Shinnick said. “Not many people can say that.”

The Braves most exciting player this season was 5-foot-6 freshman wide receiver and all-purpose back Jamal Williams. He surpassed the 100-yard mark for all-purpose running seven times.

Williams earned four weekly honors, including Offensive Player of the Week from D2Football.com and the Independent Collegiate Athletic Association. ■



Dr. Freda Porter '78 establishes endowed scholarship

Trustee and former faculty member Dr. Freda Porter established an endowed scholarship at the University in her late father's memory.

During a reception in December, the James Porter Mathematics and Environmental Science Endowed Scholarship was announced with a \$25,000 gift.

It is a renewable scholarship that will benefit a student, preferably Native American, with demonstrated financial need who is majoring in mathematics, computer science, environmental science or other science.

Dr. Porter '78 earned a Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Duke University and joined UNCP's faculty in 1991. After a two-year teaching and research appointment at UNC-Chapel Hill, she left the University to take over the family business, which her father founded.

Dr. Porter expanded the scope of the Pembroke-based business and renamed it Porter Scientific Incorporated (PSI). PSI provides environmental consulting, information technology and facility support services to the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency as well as municipalities and commercial clients.

"It's great to be able to do something to honor my dad," Dr. Porter said. "He valued education and always encouraged us to get as much as we could.

"My father's guidance and example made a profound difference in the course of my life," she continued. "He also encouraged us to live life with spirit, passion, perspective and a love of God, life, family and community."

Chancellor Meadors thanked Dr. Porter on behalf of the University.

"An endowment is a gift that honors its namesake forever,"

Chancellor Meadors said. "Freda has worked very hard to make her business successful, and it has been gratifying to watch.



From left: Dr. Len Holmes, professor of chemistry; Dr. Martin Slann, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Freda Porter, her mother, Fannie Porter; and Chancellor Meadors

"We are all very proud of her as a contributing member of the University and larger community," he continued. "The bond between this University and this community is what makes this event so special."

Roughly 25 friends and family members attended the reception, which honored the donor, her father, and the legacy of the Porter family.

An endowment is an eternal gift that creates scholarship funds through investment. For information about this scholarship or giving to UNCP, please contact the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6252 or email advancement@uncp.edu. ■

Independent Insurance Agents complete \$100,000 scholarship

The Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina (IIANC) capped a \$100,000 scholarship at the University with a gift of \$30,000 on October 8.

Proceeds from the scholarship endowment benefit students in UNCP's School of Business. A statewide professional association representing more than 1,000 agencies, IIANC initiated the giving program with UNCP in 1997 with a gift of \$50,000.

Representing the association were Chief Executive Officer Kelley L. Erstine and President R. Cleve Folger Jr., president of TriSure Corp, an independent insurance company headquartered in Raleigh, N.C. Folger, who joined the IIANC Board of Directors in 1999, explained the giving program.

"Ten years ago, we set a goal of giving \$100,000 to each of the 16 UNC universities," Folger said. "We are able to contribute as much as \$500,000 per year, and education is one of our focuses.

"This gift represents the completion of our goal," he said.

Representatives of IIANC attend UNCP's annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet. At the dinner, they meet with scholarship recipients.

"We also received three letters from our UNCP scholars this year," Erstine said. "That's what makes it all worthwhile. I enjoy giving."

Chancellor Meadors was on hand to thank the association representatives.

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UNCP, Robeson County Commissioners celebrate partnership

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners and the University celebrated their partnership December 12 with the dedication of a meeting room in the Bob Caton Fieldhouse.

Commissioner Roger Oxendine, who is also a member of the UNCP Board of Trustees, said the new Robeson County Board of Commissioners Team Meeting Room is a symbol of the great working relationship between the county and its University.

“I believe in partnerships like this,” Oxendine said. “When we were starting up COMtech, Chancellor Meadors and the University were the first to step forward.”

UNCP constructed two facilities at the business park that has been a shot in the arm to commerce in the region.

Chancellor Meadors said it is humbling to have such good friends.

“Football brings a community together,” Chancellor Meadors said. “But we would not be able to do this or to enjoy this extraordinary facility without your support.

“We are thankful for this partnership,” he said.

Athletic Director Dan Kenney agreed.

“There is no question that football has brought this community together, and the dedication of this room makes that point,” Kenney said. “When our team gets together, they do it in this room.”



From left: Commissioners Tom Taylor, Chairman Noah Woods and Roger Oxendine, Chancellor Meadors, Commissioners Lennis Watts, Raymond Cummings and Jerry Stephens.

Football coach Pete Shinnick thanked the commissioners for making a dream become a reality.

“When I came here three years ago, we had a plan about what this facility would look like,” Shinnick said. “Today, it is one of the best facilities in Division II.

“We are very fortunate to have support like this,” he said.

Commission Chair Noah Woods, a UNCP graduate, said he is honored to be a part of UNCP’s football program.

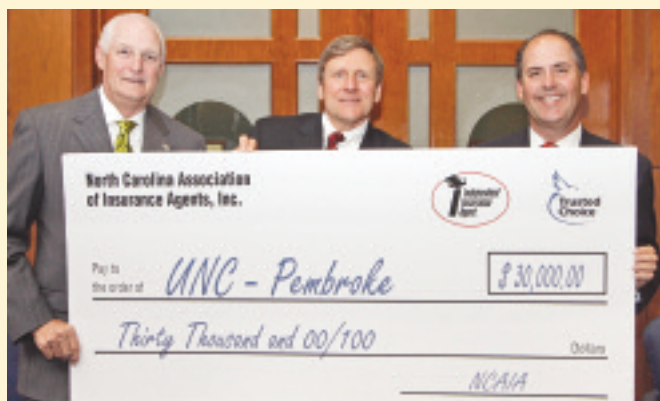
“This is our University, collectively as a county,” Woods said. “With this partnership, we wanted to do something to make a difference in the lives of students here.” ■

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“I would like to thank the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina for this gift and their continuing support of scholarship at our University,” Chancellor Meadors said. “At UNCP, nothing is more valuable than the success of our students, and scholarships are critical to that end.”

Vice Chancellor for Advancement Sandra Waterkotte also offered thanks. She directs fundraising activities in support of UNCP’s endowment, which has grown in the past eight years to more than \$10 million from \$4 million.

“The Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina have been incredibly generous to us,” Waterkotte said. “This scholarship has made an impact on our campus and the lives of many students. As an endowment, it will perpetually benefit our students.” ■



The Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina represented by President R. Cleve Folger Jr., left, and CEO Kelley L. Erstine present a check to Chancellor Meadors.

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UNCP honors scholarship donors and recipients

Scholarships are established for many reasons.

Greg Cummings shared his reasons with an audience of more than 300 at the 5th Annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner on November 20 at the University.

"It just came to me in an instant one day that a scholarship to help young people was the right way to honor the memory of my son," said Cummings, who is a Pembroke Town Councilman and director of Economic Development for Robeson County.

Cummings' son, who was known as "CG," died in an automobile collision in 1992 at the age of 16.

"In the weeks afterward, kids told me how CG had helped them, whether it was loaning them money for lunch or tutoring them in classes they were having trouble with," Cummings said. "He had a good heart, and he would always help people who needed it.

"That is why I established this scholarship," a tearful father said. "Here it is 16 years later, and I never thought I would be able to talk about him like this."

The Scholarship Recognition Dinner honors donors like Cummings and lets them meet the recipients of the scholarship they established.

Tim Brayboy '64, a member of the UNCP Athletic Hall of Fame, said his scholarship honors his father and mother, Tecumseh and Eva Brayboy, a farm family who "wanted something better for their children."

The scholarship also honors Brayboy's ancestors, two of whom were founders of the University.

"It was a small group of people who believed that education was the cornerstone of progress," Brayboy said. "If they could see the University today, I believe they would be pleased with the progress."

Frank Britt and his mother, Sarah M. Britt, established an endowed scholarship to honor Franklin Britt Sr., who taught biology at UNCP for many years.

"My father loved to collect plants, and he loved this school," said Britt, who is a facilities architect at UNCP. "My mother and I have been able to contribute every year to the scholarship.

"It's a great value, I think," he said.

Dr. Elinor Foster, dean of Library Services at UNCP, manages another growing scholarship. Her recipient in 2008, Lisa Walters, was



Dr. Elinor Foster, left, with scholar Lisa Walters

recently accepted to the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University.

"Students must apply for our scholarship; it's competitive," Dr. Foster said. "This is the second year in a row that our scholar was accepted to medical school.



From left: Greg Cummings, Lakisha Williams, Chancellor Meadors, Doshie Smith and Tim Brayboy



Recipient Theresa Williams, left, with donors Sarah and Frank Britt

"We've added funds to increase the grant each year," she said. "The Friends of the Library believe it's the best way to put our money to good use."

Lakisha Williams, a senior from Taylortown, N.C., and a recipient of the Kisha Williams Scholarship, said she would be happy to graduate December 13.

"It's been difficult with two part-time jobs and a two-and-a-half hour commute each day," Williams said. "I am proud to say I am the 9th child in my family and the first in my immediate family to graduate from college."

Doshie Smith, a junior from Laurinburg, N.C., said the James Ebert Endowed Scholarship helped make her dream of college graduation come true.

"This scholarship allowed me to see that there are individuals out there who care about students like us," Smith said. "This scholarship has encouraged me to continue my studies, and I hope that in some way I will make an impact on the world." ■

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The entire Advancement staff is pictured on the stairwell off the Lumbee Hall lobby: from left to right, Kandi Kinlaw, Rhonda Chavis, Maryam Amiri-Afjeh, Betty Johnson, Kim Hunt, Alisia Oxendine, James Bass, Alison DeCinti, Teresa Oxendine, Sandy Waterkotte, Kristen Anderson, and Wendell Staton.

To our Alumni and Friends:

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The Annual Fund raises money to support activities and projects on campus that cannot be funded through the state budget. Beneficiaries of money raised through this campaign include students, faculty and staff development projects, scholarships and academic programs. The primary vehicle for the Annual Fund is the student Phonathon, in which UNCP students call alumni and ask for their support. In the fall 2008 semester, 1,568 alumni pledged more than \$65,000 to the Annual Fund. Help ensure that today's UNCP students have the best college experience available by making a gift to the UNCP Annual Fund.

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Unrestricted resources are needed University-wide, and are especially important in the UNCP colleges and other academic units. These funds are managed by deans, chairs or directors and allow UNCP to be proactive and assertive in pursuing the University's mission while maintaining our reputation for academic excellence. Unrestricted funds support scholarship gaps, teaching, learning, research and community outreach service. These funds can provide resources for various academic initiatives and special projects when state funding is limited or unavailable. Examples of uses for unrestricted funds include the following:








- Some programs are looking for funding to promote study abroad as an important part of the UNCP educational experience by allowing students to integrate international studies into their undergraduate programs.
- Unrestricted funding might support initiatives such as Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), which provides students the tools to learn the free enterprise system in a real working situation. SIFE teams establish a variety of community outreach programs that teach free enterprise, assist new entrepreneurs with their business plans, and mentor at-risk students.



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The Faculty Development Fund is a UNCP endowment established to support the professional development of faculty members. It provides financial support directed toward strengthening and broadening teaching, scholarship, and service; expanding academic horizons; stimulating exploration for new areas; and increasing faculty visibility in the academic community.






"The Faculty Development Fund was established specifically to provide additional resources to support faculty teaching, research, and engagement activities. The faculty is the University's single greatest resource, and I believe that it is imperative that we build an endowment that will ensure ongoing support for faculty development in the years to come." – Dr. Charles Harrington, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.



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by women's soccer and softball. Your support directly impacts the athletic department by providing more scholarship opportunities. Braves Club members receive priority in regards to season ticket purchases and parking. Whether you participated at UNCP as a student-athlete or are a Braves fan, please consider becoming a member of the Braves Club. For additional information, please contact UNCP Athletics at **(910) 521-6227**.

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Greetings, Alumni



Spring is a time for new beginnings, and it is with great pride that I begin my term as the new president of the UNCP Alumni Association. I look forward to serving you, and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming UNCP events throughout the year. If you haven't been to campus in a while, I encourage you to do so – you will be surprised by the growth of the institution and all the wonderful opportunities available to you.

Congratulations to the 444 graduates who became the newest members of the Alumni Association on December 13, 2008, during Winter Commencement.

It is exciting to see our association grow, and we look forward to welcoming even more members in May. Remember to keep in contact with your alma mater, keep your information updated with the Alumni Relations Office, which helps us keep you connected.

I would also like to extend congratulations to Mr. Aaron Thomas '99 and Ms. Donna Lowry, respectively, on their awards for Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Service. On behalf of the Alumni Association, I'd like to thank you for your service to UNCP and its students, and for making our awards banquet such a success. We are honored and proud to have recipients who demonstrate impeccable character and a commitment to excellence in all aspects of their lives.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of the alumni who have supported the University during this year's Annual Fund Campaign. Your support is so important to our students and the success of their college experience at UNCP. If you have not given to the Annual Fund and would like to do so, please contact our Alumni Director, Mr. James Bass at (910) 521-6533 or send your check to:

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Floyd H. Locklear '86

Lumbee Elders speak on school desegregation: What was lost and what was gained

A film documenting American Indian education in the era of segregation was premiered at the University on December 3, 2008.

The 20-minute film, titled “Elder Teachers Project: A Time When We Were Young,” is an oral account of a time that is vanishing from memory, said its project director Dr. Olivia Oxendine, a faculty member in the School of Education.

“The notion of segregation is a mysterious one today,” Dr. Oxendine said. “The generation that experienced it is dying, so I wanted to document it.”

For a year, seven retired Lumbee Indian educators, all graduates of UNCP, participated in an oral history project – a project that examined the education of Lumbee people during the period of school segregation in Robeson County.

The group, ranging in ages up to 93, spoke during a presentation at UNCP. They are: Loleta Blanks, class of ‘55, Lillian T. Harris ‘49, James Arthur Jones ‘48, Stacy Locklear ‘62, Mabel Revels, ‘70, Purnell Swett ‘57 and Mabel Oxendine ‘35.

What they said is surprising and at times at odds with conventional interpretations of the time.

“The Elder Teachers Project reveals the dual nature of school segregation,” Dr. Oxendine said. “While the racial divide served to sustain and strengthen Indian ties across school, church and community, the setting of segregation also cultivated conditions of isolation and deprivation.”

The elders addressed the duality of segregated schools.

“We were happy. These were our schools, and the parents supported us,” said Blanks, a retired teacher. “That’s what we lost.”

What was “lost” was a sense of community, the educators agreed.

“It was a stable community of dedicated people, who were mostly tenant farmers,” said Jones, a retired principal.

“Our people were rooted in church and school,” said retired teacher Mabel Revels. “The community respected and trusted its teachers and schools.”

“Our students were very successful,” Jones said. “Attendance was good and there were very few dropouts.”

The road to school integration was bumpy for the Indian community.

“We never asked for integration,” said retired teacher and school counselor Stacy Locklear.

“There was resistance to integration because of a fear of the unknown and how we (Lumbees) had been treated in the past,” said Swett, who twice served as superintendent of Robeson County schools.

As for segregation and the disparities that came with it, Locklear said “I didn’t think about it a lot; that’s just the way it was.”

“Many of our textbooks had names of white students in them,” Swett said.



From left: John Jones, Loleta Blanks, Lillian Harris, Dr. Olivia Oxendine, Mabel Oxendine, Mabel Revels, Stacy Locklear and Purnell Swett

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National Board Certification in 2008

Ten UNCP alumni were recognized with National Board Certification in 2008. This is a very intense process that certifies the top educators in the nation. We are very proud to have so many of our former students recognized this past year. The following UNCP alumni received this distinction during 2008: Robeson County: Shirley Johnson; Cumberland County: Laura Candler (renewal), Susan Williams (renewal); Bladen County: Meredith Dowless; Moore County: Teresa Errickson, Katrina Fox, Carol Flynn, Patricia Ward Blue; and Montgomery County: Sharon Thompson and Laura Blake.

Art for Life: Georgia Ivie '05

Life has been an adventure for Georgia Ivie since her graduation in 2005.

Some wondered about the job prospects of a 66-year-old graduate with an art degree. But Ivie, who was a nurse for 30 years, launched a second career that is richer and more involved day by day.

Starting with a pottery class for the visually impaired, she branched out into teaching a senior's painting class and is starting an art therapy class for cancer patients at the Gibson Cancer Center in Lumberton.

She knows all too well about the needs of cancer patients, and Ivie is preparing a curriculum to lift spirits.

"We're not going to talk about it; we'll get out and fight," she said. "I want to engage them in something that is inspiring and takes their mind off of it."

Cancer may consume the body, but art nourishes the spirit, Ivie believes.

"I put this all in the Lord's hands a long time ago," she said. "These students make my day; we have a lot of fun."

Ivie was interviewed on November 23, 2008, during the "Art for Life" exhibition of her students' work. Nearly 100 paintings and pieces of pottery were on display to raise funds to support patients of the Gibson Cancer Center.

Her life has been full since graduation, and Ivie's no stranger at UNCP, where she is two classes shy of a Master of Arts degree in art education.



"I laugh every time I remember (art professor) Paul Van Zandt saying at graduation: 'whatever happened to those two classes you were going to take?'" she laughs. "I started this thinking I would take a couple classes for fun."

Today, her work appears on the walls of the Cancer Center and on the pages of its 2006 Annual Report. For the "Art for Life" exhibition, Ivie raffled one of her oil paintings for charity.

She continues with a zest for life, learning and teaching.

"I have the greatest job in the world," she said. "At what other job do you get paid to wake up every morning excited to go to work?"

"I am so proud of my students," Ivie said. ■

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"I remember hearing that Red Springs was throwing away books," Jones said. "I filled up the back of my '39 Ford with them."

"There was prejudice," said Locklear who earned two master's degrees after graduating from UNCP.

"We had no representation on the county school board until double voting was defeated in court," Swett said. "Double voting was the practice of residents in city school districts voting in both city and county elections."

Inevitably, the question was called. Would they go back?

"Would I go back?" Swett said. "No, the world has changed, and to be competitive, you have to reach out to others and learn from them."

"We gained more than we lost," Locklear said. "Our opportunities were very limited."

"This was the only school I could attend," he continued. "My daughter went to Chapel Hill and is a doctor."

"When Martin Luther King opened the door, we flew out," said Harris, a retired teacher. "That's what I tell the children today."

It was the consensus of the elders that telling the story is important.

"The project forced me to go back and take a look," Locklear said. "My students were separated and isolated; we just didn't know it."

"For history's sake, it's important for us to tell this story," Blanks said. "My grandchildren don't know about this."

The project and film were funded by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council. It was directed and co-produced by Dr. Olivia Oxendine and co-produced by Dr. Stan Knick, director of the Native American Resource Center.

Videography was provided by James Lawrence, Dr. Jamie Litty, chair of the Mass Communications Department, Nelson Locklear and Tasha Oxendine, marketing director for the Givens Performing Arts Center. Videography assistance was provided by Warren Love, director of the Media Center.

Audio transcription was provided by Tina Emmanuel, technology support technician for the English and Theatre Department, and Marla Locklear, administrative assistant for the Physical Education and Recreation Department. Location coordinator was Rita Locklear and the soundtrack was arranged by Dr. Knick.

Serving on the grant advisory panel are for UNCP: history Professor Dr. Charles Beem, American Indian Studies (AIS) Chair Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs, Dr. Knick, Web Publisher Lawrence Locklear, AIS Professor Dr. Linda Oxendine, education Professor Dr. Reginald Oxendine, and Tasha Oxendine; and for the Public Schools of Robeson County: Brenda Dial Deese and Rita Locklear.

The UNCP presentation was the fifth for the group.

The film was sponsored by UNCP's Native American Resource Center. Assisting in the production were Dr. Jamie Litty and Tasha Oxendine. ■

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'08 ■ **Marquita Brazier** is an undergraduate admissions counselor at Gardner-Webb University. She lives in Shelby. ■ **Rachel Cadden** is a site director at a YMCA and resides in Charles Town, W.Va. ■ **Cindy Clemmer** is a teacher at Lumberton Junior High School. She and her husband, Brent, have a daughter, Caroline. The family resides in Lumberton. ■ **Bryan Howington** received a Brody Medical Scholarship and is a first-year student at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. ■ **Terry Maness** is an educator for Montgomery County Schools and resides in Mount Gilead. ■ **Kristen Parker** lives in Lumberton and teaches general music and band at Bladenboro Middle School. ■ **Jay Sibbett** was accepted to Medical School at Michigan State University.

'07 ■ **Christopher Abbott '06** and wife, **April Newhouse**, welcomed their first child, Tanner Lee, in October 2008. They reside in Henderson. ■ **Mary Beth Butler** and **Stephen Garrett Adams** were married October 4, 2008. She is a graduate student at UNC Wilmington. He works for BB&T in Wilmington, where the couple resides. ■ **Ashley Engels** is a 5th grade teacher for Guilford County Schools. She resides in Greensboro. ■ **Jeremy Engelskirchen** is a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He resides in Annandale, Va. ■ **Jessica Crystal Hasty** and **Avery Ellis Harris** were married October 18, 2008. She works for Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. He works for Hobbs & Upchurch Associates. The couple resides in Red Springs. ■ **Nicole Headdings '06** and husband, **Rich**, were married June 7, 2008. The couple resides in Foster City, Calif. ■ **Deidra Dial Holt** and her husband, William, have a 16-month-old daughter, Drianna. Deidra is a quality analyst for Buckeye Technologies Inc. The family resides in Rowland. ■ **Starlette Nicole Jacobs** and **Dallas Jacobs Jr.** were married October 4, 2008. She works for the Public Schools of Robeson County. He works for Coca-Cola

Bottling Company. ■ **Shelia S. Locklear '97, '07** completed her Master's of School Administration degree in 2007 and is an assistant principal for the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in Maxton.

'06 ■ **Amanda Allen** was married June 2, 2007. She graduated from NC State with an accounting degree in May 2008. She works and resides in Benson. ■ **Autumn Tennille Autry '03** and **John Thomas Taylor** were married October 18. She is a school psychologist for Rowan-Salisbury Schools, and he is a banker with BB&T. They reside in Salisbury. ■ **Rob Berongi** works for AAA of the Carolinas. He and his wife, Whitney, reside in Charlotte.

■ **Vonarnice Breedon** is an account specialist for North Carolina Central University. She resides in Durham. ■ **George Coates '05** and wife, **Keita**, were married August 16, 2008. They reside in Concord. ■ **Candice M. Dial** is a Child Protective Services agent for the Robeson County Department of Social Services. She resides in Maxton. ■ **Robin Lynne Frye** is a self-employed classical voice and piano teacher. She resides in New Rochelle, N.Y. ■ **Marko Gospojevic** was promoted to director of food safety for Cargill, Inc., in Charlotte. He participates in the company's international analytical research project in Amsterdam, Netherlands. ■ **Heidie Glendening** welcomed a baby boy, Nathaniel Andrew, July 1, 2008. She works for Mucci's Italian Bistro and resides in Monroe. ■ **Leslie Liszcz** began a 3 ½-year training contract with KPMG, a leading provider of tax, audit and professional services in Dublin, Ireland. She is a junior auditor in the audit department and is working toward professional certification in accounting. She resides in Rathgar, Dublin, Ireland. ■ **Jennifer Odum** is a teacher for Cumberland County Schools. She resides in Hope Mills. ■ **Sally Denise Oxendine** is a youth development specialist for the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in Rowland. ■ **Alex Prevatte** and wife, **Erin**, welcomed their daughter, Shea, March 29, 2008. The family resides in

Lumberton. ■ **Robert Ware Jr.** is a member services coordinator for Duke Center for Living at Fearington. He resides in Durham.

'05 ■ **Shamar Allen** relocated to Atlanta, Ga., to open his own business, Seyven Automotive Appearance. ■ **Jason Atkinson '02, '05** and wife, **Erica Autry '07**, are proud parents of Carlee Faith, born in May 2008. The couple resides in Lumberton. ■ **Janna Suzanne Barnes** and **John Erik Edwards '03** were married January 24, 2008. She works for the Public Schools of Robeson County. He works for Crop Production Services. ■ **Kelly Strickland Britt** teaches chorus at Lumberton High School. She and her husband, Adrian, reside in Lumberton. ■ **Jessica M. Furlough** is a teacher and coach with Cabarrus County Schools. She resides in Charlotte. ■ **Brittany Heil** is a teacher at St. Pauls Academy. She resides in Mount Pleasant, S.C. ■ **Jessica Nicole Jewell '04** and husband, **Robert**, welcomed a son, Owen Andrew, in January 2007. She is a kindergarten teacher for Dorchester Schools. They reside in Summerville, S.C. ■ **Rebecca Purkall Jones** resides in Gastonia. She is married to David Jones and they have three children. ■ **Stacy McCaskill-Lilja** was married in December 2006 and moved to Helsinki, Finland. She received her permanent residency in December 2007 and is studying the language. ■ **April Renee Oxendine** and **Champ Watis Goins III** were married August 30, 2008. She works for Campbell Soup. He works for Cape Fear Valley Health Systems. The couple resides in Rowland. ■ **Melanie Strickland** was named to the State Employees Credit Union Advisory Board in Laurinburg. She is the mother of two daughters, Cetera and Kayla. They reside in Pembroke. ■ **Carrie Taylor '03, '05** gave birth to a baby boy, Keenan Lynn Moore, November 11, 2008. She is a pre-school teacher for the Public Schools of Robeson County and an



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individual education preparation consultant at Shining Stars in Pembroke. They reside in Fairmont. ■ **Ashley E. Weaver** is a captain in the U.S. Army and resides in Cedar Grove, N.C.

'04 ■ **Joey Bennett** is the director of Richmond

Community College's Robert L. and Elizabeth S. Cole Auditorium and



Community Center. ■ **William Flagler Jr. '02, '04** is director of emergency planning for Northern Virginia Community College. He resides in Centreville, Va. ■ **Jared Gainey '03** and wife, **Amanda '02, '04**, welcomed their son, David Jared Jr., April 4, 2008. The family resides in Rockingham. ■ **Ashley Michelle Grier** and Roy Lee "Tray" Martin III were married September 13, 2008. She works for the Robeson County Department of Social Services, and he works for Family Alternatives. They reside in Fairmont. ■ **Christopher Hansen** and **Jamie Ellis '03** are the proud parents of a son, Alexander Michael. Chris is the choral director at Cedar Ridge High School. The family resides in Whitsett. ■ **Michael H. Liscano Jr.** is an armor cavalry officer in the U.S. Army and lives in Fort Hood, Texas.

■ **Jonathan S. Lovette** is a special assets adjuster for BB&T. He resides in Lumberton.

■ **Calvin Webster** is a Web application developer and systems analyst for Illumicom, LLC. He was elected to serve on the executive board for the Low Country Environmental Education Program. He resides in Charleston, S.C.

■ **Christina Wittaker** graduated from Clemson University in May 2008 with a Master of Arts degree in history.

'03 ■ **Jammi Lynn Lowry** and John Eric Jones are engaged. She works for the Social Security Administration in Florence, S.C., and he works for the Public Schools of Robeson County. ■ **Heidi E. Morton** is a marketing specialist for Sell Ethics Marketing Group Inc. She resides in Norwood.

■ **Jessica Reed** is a sales representative for City Communications. She resides in Wilmington. ■ **Brian Sasser** and his wife, Dana, welcomed a son, Riley Theriot, August 20, 2008. The family resides in Raleigh.

■ **Cynthia Cox Torok** is a UNCP academic advisor and resides in Hope Mills.

'02 ■ **Jamie Bream** is the associate director of bands at Sycamore Lane Middle School in Scotland County and resides

in Southern Pines. ■ **Tanya Bullard** and her husband, Rev. Namon, have two girls, Zoie Madelyn, 3, and Zyra McKensley, 9 months.

The family resides in Shannon. ■ **Malcolm C.**

Cosby is a police officer with the Wilmington Police Department. He was a police officer in Fayetteville for five years. He resides in Fayetteville. ■ **Jason Corey Deese** and Autumn Faith Lowery were married August 16, 2008. She works for Rex Healthcare. He works for Talecris Pharmaceuticals Company. The couple resides

in Smithfield. ■ **Rebecca Powell Locklear** is a teacher at Parkton Elementary School. The couple resides in Pembroke. ■ **Arthur L. McNeil**

opened the law office of Arthur L. McNeil, PL, in Miami, Fla. His main area of practice is criminal defense with plans to include estate planning, family law and probate. He resides in North Miami. ■ **Jody Lee Thomas** graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Master's in Social Work. He and his wife, Joni, have a son, Dylan Levi.

'01 ■ **Jennifer Kay Blue** is a graphic designer and layout coordinator for *The News & Observer*. She resides

in Raleigh. ■ **Ryan Harrelson** and wife, **Shanna May**, welcomed their son, Levi Judson, July 25, 2008. Shanna is a chemistry teaching associate at UNCP. Ryan is an agricultural extension agent and a turkey farmer. They reside in Clarkton. ■ **Oliver Lee Marsh Jr.** is a pharmacy information systems coordinator for Cape Fear Valley Health System. He resides in Cameron.

■ **Rene Norrod** is a quality associate for Baxter Healthcare Corporation. She resides in

Marion. ■ **Deddi Maria Poston** and Edward Frank West Jr. were married June 19, 2008.

She works for the Public Schools of Robeson County. The couple resides in Lumberton. ■

Rebekah Revels and **Oryan Doyle Lowry** were married December 13, 2008. She works for the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs' Department of Administration. He works for UNC Hospitals.

■ **Jarette Lee Sampson** and Carrie Alicen Dial are engaged. She works for McLeod Medical Center in Dillon, S.C. He works for Dial Insurance Agency of Pembroke.

'00 ■ **Errol Daniels Jr.** and Corrie Lynn Hines were married March 29, 2008.

Two fellow alumni, **Cal Ganda '01** and **Cliff Gore '01**, attended their wedding. The couple resides in Jacksonville, Fla. ■ **Thomas Garner** is a park ranger for N.C. State Parks and resides in Dublin. ■ **Jason Cain Rackley** and Amanda Nichole Lindsay were married April 19, 2008. The couple works for PPD, a leading global contract research organization in Wilmington, where they reside.

'99 ■ **Rachel Chavis** is a finance director for Southern States Automotive. She resides in Durham. ■ **Margaret**

Catherine Farabee is a detective for the High Point Police Department. She resides in Thomasville. ■ **Jona Rowena Hardin** and Brian Steven Anderson are engaged. She works for BB&T. He is self-employed. ■ **Kevin Hasinger**

is the assistant principal at Morganton Road Elementary School. He and his wife, Sarah, have four children and reside in Fayetteville.

■ **Robert Lee Stanley** and Judy Ann Parker were married July 12, 2008. She works for Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton. He is retired from the U.S. Air Force. The couple resides in Rowland.

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'98 ■ **Amy Bass-Chen** married Dr. Cheng Chen, a cardiac researcher for Pitt Memorial Hospital. She earned a Master of Arts degree in education from UNC-Greensboro in 1999.



The couple resides in Greenville. ■ **Mell C. Bishop III '97** and wife, **Dina DiGiovanni**, welcomed their son, Brody Keegan, August 26, 2008. Brody has four sisters: Brianna Marie, 9; Summer Teagan, 8; Kinsey Mikaela, 4; and Hunter Baylee, 18 months. ■ **Robert Fox** is a captain in the U.S. Army, and is stationed at Fort Polk, La. He is assigned to the Joint Readiness Training Center as an observer/controller. He and his wife, **Kimberly Hall '96**, have three children: Kevan, 13; Caleb, 11; and Sarah, 6.

■ **Connie Roper** teaches English at Woodside High School in Newport, Va. She earned her M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from Averett University May 3. She resides in Newport News, Va.

'97 ■ **Kimily G. Faulk** and Rev. Kevin Andrew Powe were married June 21, 2008. She attends the University of Phoenix and works for World Airways. He works for Fairfield Board of Education and is a pastor at New Disciple Ministry. The couple resides in Moody, Ala. ■ **Iris Bethea Flowers** and husband, **Donald**, welcomed a daughter, Ayanna LaShae, August 24, 2007. Iris works as a recreation specialist for the Federal Corrections Institute in Bennettsville, S.C. The couple resides in Laurinburg. ■ **Nicole O. Locklear** completed her master's degree in communication disorders from North Carolina Central University in August 2008. She is a speech-language pathologist with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She and her husband, Jason, have one daughter, Taylor. The family resides in Pembroke.

■ **Alan J. Rose** is a veterinarian assistant for small animal emergency services. He resides in Vass, N.C.

'96 ■ **Shawn Dees** placed 5th out of more than 200 participants in her first half marathon for breast cancer awareness in the Race for the Cure. She resides in Charlotte. ■ **Regina Jacobs McNeill** is a computer systems administrator for the Sampson County Department of Social Services. She resides in Clinton.

■ **Cara Parnell** and husband, Neil, welcomed their second son, Lachlan James, March 5, 2008. Lachlan's brother, Will, is 6. The family resides in Wade.

'95 ■ **Lisa Callahan** is an exceptional children's teacher for Brunswick County Schools. She resides in Wilmington. ■ **Marianne Smith Peters** is a teacher at Carver Middle School. ■ **John C. Stutts** works in munitions accountability with the U.S. Air Force. He resides in Albuquerque, N.M.

'94 ■ **Leslie Carver-Roseboro** and her husband welcomed their second child, Joi Elizabeth, August 2008. They have a two-year-old son, Jaylon. Leslie is the member services manager with the N.C. Association of Non-Profit Homes for the Aging.



'93 ■ **Jason Burkhardt** is the director of technical field services for PCI. He resides in Lexington, S.C.

'92 ■ **John Turner** worked for the past 10 years for Robeson County Department of Social Services and for Robeson Community College for the past five years. He received his associate's degree in culinary arts from Robeson Community College in 2004. He also completed his certification as a resource specialist from Appalachian State University in 2008. He resides in Lumberton with his four children: Brianna, Tiffany, Rachelle and Trevon.



'91 ■ **Chris Armfield** and wife, Sandi, have two daughters, Anna, 7; and Macy, 3. He was promoted to regional sales manager covering North Carolina and Virginia with Xerox Corp., where he has worked for 15 years. The family resides in Kernersville. ■ **CB Averitt** and wife, Cindy, reside in Florence, S.C. CB runs Cats Productions Inc. ■ **Effie Locklear** and Arthur Benjamin were married September 27. She is a retired social worker. The couple resides in Lumberton.

'90 ■ **Candace Forrester** is a county liaison with the Robeson County Farm Bureau. She resides in Bladenboro. ■ **Harvey Godwin** is the owner of Two Hawk Employment Services. He resides in Pembroke. ■ **Jason A. Jacobs** was awarded special recognition for outstanding achievement in outreach and communications for the Information Management Branch of NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. He is employed in the Office of the Chief Information Officer as a technical information specialist. He resides in Hampton, Va.

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'89 ■ **Jillene Dolister** is a literacy coach for the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in Hope Mills. ■ **Stuart Freeman** works for Music and Arts Center in Fayetteville. He resides in Wade. ■ **Livera Hussey** resides in Whispering Pines. She earned a Master of Arts degree in music from UNC-Greensboro in 1995. ■ **Rhonda Jenkins** is pursuing her master's degree in technology in education at Lesley University. She is a first grade teacher for Scotland County Schools and resides in Laurinburg.

'88 ■ **Julie Davis Brisson** retired from teaching in 2004. She resides in Lumberton. ■ **Linda N. Gregory** is the executive director of the Lumberton Visitors Bureau in Lumberton, where she resides. ■ **Scott Kazmierczak** met his wife at Pembroke State University in 1988, and they married the following year. They have two daughters, Sidney and Emily, and one son, Ryan, who is a freshman at UNCP. The family resides in Raleigh.

'87 ■ **Cynthia Britt** retired from teaching in 2000. She has two children: one attends Lumberton Senior High School and the other is a freshman at UNCP. She resides in Lumberton. ■ **Pollyanna D. Gorman** is a senior accountant for Systems Pavers, Inc. She resides in Newport Beach, Calif. ■ **Molly McLean** is a fourth grade LEAP teacher for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. She resides in Chapel Hill.

'86 ■ **Guy Sanderson** is a science teacher for Carteret County Schools, and has been teaching for 21 years. He resides in Emerald Isle.

'85 ■ **Tony N. Brown** was promoted to county manager for Halifax County in March 2008. He resides in Roanoke Rapids. ■ **Polly Allen Elkins** earned her doctorate in educational leadership from

South Carolina State University. She is the assistant superintendent for administration in Dillon School's District Two. She resides in Dillon, S.C.

'82 ■ **David Clark** is married to Victoria Rundus, and they have a daughter, Ava Clark, born in January 2005. He resides in Hendersonville, Tenn. ■ **Bertha McArthur Graham '76, '82** is the 2008-09 Teacher of the Year for Piney Grove School. She was appointed to the North Carolina Association for Educators' Communications Committee. She is a candidate for the ministry with the N.C. Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is a 2009 candidate for enrollment in the Duke University Divinity School. She works for the Public Schools of Robeson County and resides in Rowland. ■ **Margaret Smith** is a teacher with the Killeen Independent School District. She resides in Killeen, Texas.

'79 ■ **Susan McNeill Smith** retired. She resides in Laurinburg.

'77 ■ **Betsy Bullard Andrade** and husband of 29 years, Ray, a project coordinator for Fayetteville Urban Ministries, have three children in college. Their son, Josh, is a senior at Methodist University majoring in special education and playing baseball. Their daughter, Jessica, is a senior at UNC-Greensboro majoring in deaf education. Their youngest daughter, Julia, is a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill, who plans to major in nursing. Betsy has taught exceptional children for 31 years. She works for Sampson County Schools. They reside in Autryville.

'76 ■ **Gary N. Carter** is the owner of Appalachian Heating and Cooling Service and resides in Franklin, N.C.

■ **Pamela Young** is teaching a life skills class at Champion High School in Boerne, Texas. She has two sons, Seth and Slater, in high school. Her daughter, Allison, resides in Savannah, Ga. Pamela resides in Cibolo, Texas.

'75 ■ **Catherine Kelly** is a supervisor of mammography at DeWitt Army Hospital at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and resides in Springfield, Va.

'74 ■ **Dale Oxendine Lowery** teaches at Union Chapel Elementary School. Dale and her husband, Robin, have three children and four grandchildren. The family resides in Pembroke.

'72 ■ **Ronnie Chavis** was named 2008 Athletic Director of the Year by the North Carolina Association for Athletic Education. He was nominated by a statewide committee and honored on November 21, 2008, at the North Carolina Alliance For Athletics, Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Association's annual conference in Winston-Salem. Chavis has served as athletic director for the Public Schools of Robeson County since 1989. He is also an inductee of the UNCP Athletic Hall of Fame. He resides in Pembroke. ■ **Tom Fulp** works for Add Color Graphics, Inc. He and his wife, Barbara, have one child, Wake. They reside in Kernersville.

'71 ■ **Linda H. Tilson** is a teacher for Scotland County Schools. She resides in Laurinburg.

'69 ■ **William Malambri** is a professor at Winthrop University, where he serves as director of bands, wind orchestra and instrumental conducting. He resides in Rock Hill, S.C.

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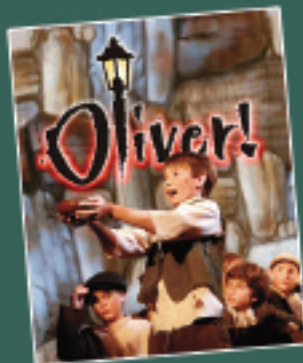
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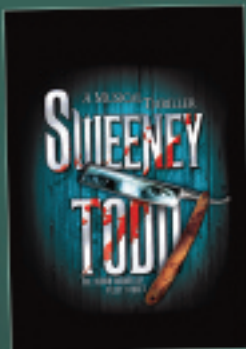
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