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

Fastest-growing status puts us in a good position



"Welcome to the fastest-growing university in North Carolina!" These are the words that welcomed students to campus this fall. It was a proud moment for all of us.

Enrollment at your university has increased 45 percent in just three years.

In 1999, the UNC system set an enrollment goal of 4,200 for UNCP by 2008. Today, thanks to the hard work of many people, enrollment is 4,433.

Here are a few highlights for fall 2002:

- A record 724 freshman enrolled
- 429 students transferred to UNCP, up 15 percent from last year
- A record Native American enrollment of 941
- Largest full-time faculty in history
- Education majors up 78 percent in four years
- 32 states and 18 foreign countries represented in our student body
- Grants up 72 percent in four years to \$8.4 million

There are several important things to note about growth at UNCP.

We have not compromised our academic standards. Our newest freshman class had better SAT scores than the one before it.

We have remained true to our heritage. The things that made this university great through the years are making it even better for today's students.

UNCP remains a small regional university dedicated to improving the daily lives of the people living in our region, our state, our nation and the world. Toward this end, there are several other exciting developments worth noting:

- A \$21.3-million grant to lift up math and science education in the public schools of 17 neighboring counties
- Groundbreaking this fall at COMtech., our partner in a regional education and high-tech commerce park

- A \$15,000 grant from the Robeson County Committee of 100 for a marketing plan for our biotechnology/fermentation facility to be constructed at COMtech.
- A top ranking for our School of Education by the state, which put us number one in North Carolina for a university of our size

There are many challenges ahead for us, including a difficult funding environment.

As alumni and friends of the university, you have good reason to share in these accomplishments. You are the reason that we are successfully recruiting more and more of North Carolina's young people.

You are the people who have spread the word about your university. And people are listening. Keep up the good work, and we will continue to produce outstanding alumni to join you.

We're proud of your university. Come see why!

Alumni President Dwight Pearson, Ed.S., Ph.D., 77

Homecoming 2003 is an open invitation for you



During the last several years, I have had the opportunity to visit the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina and many schools in other states. Without a doubt, our campus is among the most inviting that I have visited. However, it is the other attributes of the university that should make each of us proud.

The excellent academic programs available through the university have prepared graduates for success in a variety of careers. UNC Pembroke graduates hold significant leadership positions in business, education, medicine, the military, and in the governmental sector. UNC Pembroke has the most diverse student population of any of the 16 campuses of the University system. While such a distinction is important, greater

significance can be found in the fact that because of the university's cultural diversity, graduates are prepared to effectively participate as citizens in a complex, multicultural society.

During the past year, the Alumni Association has continued to work diligently on behalf of the membership. This dedicated group of volunteers is to be commended for their tireless devotion to their alma mater. Service is one way to give back to an institution that has given so much to so many.

The various Alumni Chapters now operating throughout North Carolina offer additional opportunities for involvement with fellow graduates and the university itself.

Planning is well under way for an exciting Homecoming 2003. Please make plans to

attend Homecoming next year and reconnect with friends.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I congratulate Teresa Oxendine on her recent promotion to executive director of Donor Relations. Teresa did an outstanding job as director of Alumni Relations.

I also congratulate Lorna McNeill on her recent appointment as director of Alumni Relations. Lorna brings a great deal of skill and talent to the position.

Together, we are continuously developing programs and activities of interest to both current and future alumni.

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Two new books

Stan Knick, Linda Oxendine team up to publish book on Lumbee language

by Lyzanne Charles

The new book “Fine in the World: Lumbee Language in Time and Place” by Walt Wolfram, Clare Dannenberg, Stanley Knick and Linda Oxendine is now available at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke’s Native American Resource Center (NARC). Co-authors Dr. Knick and Dr. Oxendine are professors at the university. Dr. Wolfram, a linguistics professor at North Carolina State University, has studied dialects in the Tar Heel State for many years. Dr. Dannenberg is a professor of English at Virginia Tech.

The book, which is an easy and interesting read, discusses the origins and evolution of what is referred to as “Lumbee English” over the course of several centuries and in the context of Lumbee culture. It illustrates how the Lumbee people have made the English language their own, according to Dr. Knick, an anthropologist and director of the Native American Resource Center. The work is important to the Lumbee people and those interested in the Lumbee way of life because it shows the persistence of Lumbee culture.

“All humans do mark ethnic boundaries through language, and the Lumbee have done this by developing their own form of English,” Dr. Knick said.

“Fine in the World” also discusses the similarities between Lumbee English and other dialects, but notes the variances that make it a distinct form. It also notes how Lumbee English continues to evolve as it comes into contact with other ethnicities.

“This form of English evolved over time as people came into contact with each other. It is a form of speaking English that has been shaped by a group of people and is entrenched in our culture, and so is a part of our identity,” said Dr. Oxendine, chair of UNCP’s American Indian Studies Department. She also stressed that Lumbee students should learn Standard English, but should not have to sacrifice their own way of speaking. Lumbee children learn to speak Standard English at school, but their connections to the Lumbee community keep them in contact with Lumbee English, according to Oxendine.

Neither Dr. Knick nor Dr. Oxendine believes that Lumbee English is in danger of becoming extinct. Dr. Oxendine noted that

since 1887, there has been an unsuccessful effort to standardize Lumbee English.

“Even with pressure of over 100 years and the categorization of Lumbee English as ‘bad’ English, it has survived,” Dr. Oxendine said.

The book notes that, unlike other Native American groups who lost their ancestral languages fairly late, the Lumbee people lost their traditional language early because they were exposed to the English colonists and language earlier than the other groups.

“Early contact led to earlier loss of traditional languages,”

Dr. Knick said.

It is important to know this because of the argument that the

Lumbee people are not Native American because they have no traditional language, according to Dr. Knick. It is important to note that there was once a language spoken by the Lumbee people and now the only word left is “Lumbee,” he added, but the disappearance of the traditional Lumbee language did not destroy Lumbee culture.

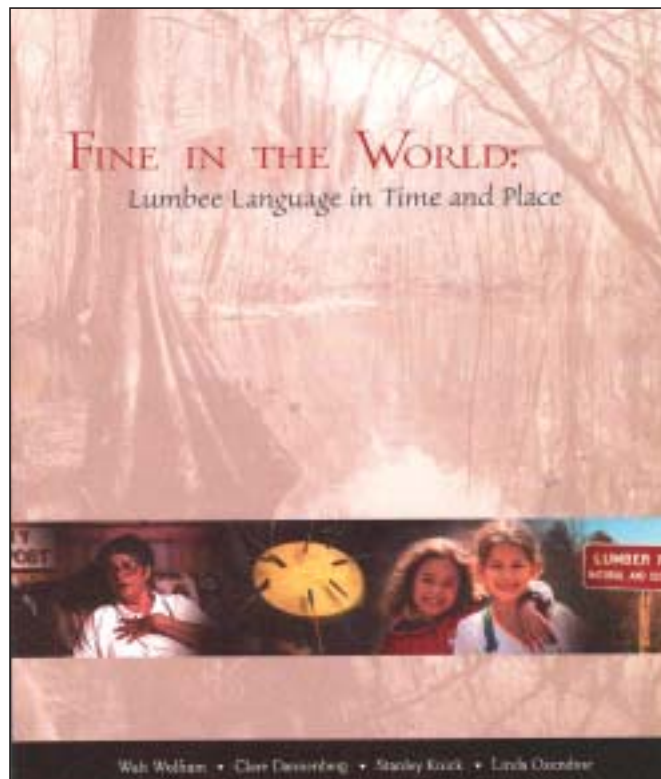
“Humans adapt; that’s who we are. The disappearance of the ancestral language, while it is a sad thing, did not stop the Lumbee people from being Indian. They just went about it in a different way,” he said. “Language is fluid. We tend to see language as a solid, where nouns and verbs are fixed, but language is liquid; it flows.”

Dr. Oxendine said the greatest impact of “Fine in the World” is that it will help both Lumbee and non-Lumbee understand “why we

speak as we do, and, hopefully, it will take away the label that it is bad. It is just different, and different does not mean deficient.”

“Fine in the World” is published by the Humanities Extension Publications of North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C., 2002 and is on sale at the Native American Resource Center for \$15 plus tax.

Lyzanne Charles is a senior journalism major from the Netherlands Antilles.





'Shakespeare into Film'

Dr. Richard Vela's passion turns to film

Dr. Richard Vela's new book, "Shakespeare Into Film," was published this fall by Checkmark Books of New York. The volume catalogs the many film adaptations of William Shakespeare's works, and it offers lively analysis in a collection of essays from an international cast of scholars.

"We attempted to deliver a broad perspective and analysis that tries to be very comprehensive, as well as up-to-date," said Dr. Vela, a 30-year veteran of the English Department and recipient of the UNC Board of Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2000. "It is both a reader's and film guide."

The book, which retails for \$17.95, is the most up-to-date review of Shakespearian film on the market, and it provides an in-depth look at a variety of important issues.

Although it is a comprehensive reference, Dr. Vela said there was not space for some of the film versions. "Some of the films are either too obscure or no longer in existence," he said. "We believe we have assembled a good classroom resource and a valuable resource for the reference section of the library."

Some of his research for "Shakespeare Into Film" took place in the Library of Congress and the Folger Shakespeare Library, the only places some of the rare films may be viewed. Dr. Vela collaborated on the book with film scholars James M. Welsh and John C. Tibbitts. The UNCP professor was a contributing editor to "The Encyclopedia of Stage Plays into Film" by Tibbitts and Welsh, published in 2001.



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Flowers wins UNC's top teaching award

Dr. Paul Flowers is the 2002 recipient of the UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Flowers wins high praise from colleagues for his work in and out of the laboratory.



"I consider Paul to be the best scientist we have," a colleague in the Chemistry and Physics Department said. "He gives undergraduates an opportunity to do real research and to publish."

Dr. Flowers is the third member of his department to win North Carolina's top teaching award since it was established in 1994. The award includes a \$7,500 cash prize. He will also deliver the 2002 Winter Commencement address.

"I feel undeserving. I did not expect to win, but I am honored," Dr. Flowers said. "If

there is a reason for me to receive this award, it is not for my conventional teaching record, but because of my efforts directing and supervising undergraduate research.

"I am a firm believer in the use of experimental research as a context for teaching science to undergraduates," he said.

Currently funded by a three-year National Science Foundation grant, Dr. Flowers is conducting research on fiber optic sensors for taking on-site environmental measurements. Since beginning work at UNCP, several of his students have published their research with Dr. Flowers in internationally recognized scientific journals. (**CSR: unclear who began work at UNCP — Dr. Flowers or his students***)

"In addition to sending graduates into industrial employment, we have had a good success rate in getting our students accepted to graduate programs," he said.

Dr. Flowers' contributions to his students, the department and the university extend

beyond the laboratory. He led a lengthy and successful effort to gain certification for the chemistry program by the American Chemical Society, the world's largest professional organization.

"ACS certification is the stamp of approval for our chemistry program," Dr. Flowers said. "Regardless of whether employers or graduate schools have heard about UNCP, they certainly know of the ACS."

"We're real proud of this accomplishment, which can mean thousands of dollars a year in starting pay for our graduates," said Dr. Jose D'Arruda, chair of Chemistry and Physics. "We are also real proud of Paul, who is very deserving of this important award."

A native of Bennettsville, S.C., Dr. Flowers did his undergraduate work at nearby St. Andrews College in Laurinburg. He received his doctorate from the University of Tennessee. He has been with UNCP since 1989.

Vest brings Eastern and Western Indian traditions to campus

Raised on a Virginia mountaintop and an adopted member of the Blackfeet Tribe, newest AIS professor brings scholarly background

Dr. Vest, the newest member of UNC Pembroke's American Indian Studies Department, is a Saponi-Monacan Indian. The tribe's home is Rockbridge and Amherst counties in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. It is a small tribe of 1,000 that suffered from a history of discrimination and isolation similar to other Eastern Indian groups, he said.

"We were counted as mulattoes by the Racial Integrity Acts of 1822 and 1924," Dr. Vest said. "If you were more than one-sixteenth Indian, you were labeled colored. That was called 'the Pocahontas Exception.'"

The tribe and remnants of its culture endured, but never thrived, Dr. Vest said.

"We survived by living on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains," he said. "My father was born in Hico or Buzzard Rock. I was taken to the burial mounds at the age of 3, and my grandparents filled the days with their stories."

Like many Eastern Indians, the Saponi-Monacan story is a colorful one. Dr. Vest's research shows that the modern Vest family tree begins with Col. John West, brother of colonial Virginia governor Thomas West, Lord De La Warr and a Powhatan Indian princess named Cockacoeske, daughter of

Chief Openchancanough (she was also known as Anne, Qrun of Pammlay during her governance of the Powhatan Nation). Dr. Vest believes the "W" was changed to a "V" during the 17th century.

WINDS OF CHANGE

Even the mountaintops feel the winds of change, and World War II would alter the geography of young Jay Vest's ensuing life.

"Like many Indians, my father was Airborne, with the 101st," he said. "He was wounded six times and never rotated off the front lines, serving in Normandy, Holland, Bastogne, Germany and at Hitler's Eagles Nest."

In the late 1960s, his father took the family to Seattle for a better life. For a teen-ager, it was an introduction to Western Indian culture.

"It's difficult being a fair-skinned Indian in the West," Dr. Vest said. "But I found my niche out there for many years."

He found many of the stories told by his grandparents have parallels in Western Indian culture and lore. As a graduate student in Montana, Dr. Vest encountered the Blackfeet Tribe, or Pikuni.

"I am an adopted member of the Blackfeet Tribe," he said. "My Blackfeet name is Misinsskitokaan, or Badger Head, given to me by elder Joe Crowshow in Alberta, Canada, in 1989," he said.

"During my years among the Blackfeet, I participated in many traditional rituals, including the Okan or Sun Dance, which I completed four times," he said.

FILLING A GAP

Dr. Linda Oxendine, chair and professor of the American Indian Studies program, said Dr. Vest fills an important place in the program.

"We really needed someone to teach religion, and Jay worked with some of the top people in the field of American Indian religion," Dr. Oxendine said.

The number and quality of applicants for the position was pleasing for the department chair.

"I was hoping for six or seven applicants, and we got 28," she said. "We were very pleased with the quality. Dr. Vest has a great deal of experience to offer our students and our community."

Dr. Vest said the Pembroke community feels familiar to him, but he finds UNCP to be unique.

"Pembroke reminds me of similar towns like Buena Vista, Va., and Cutbank, Mont.," he said. "It is a place where mixing and commerce goes on between the tribe and others."

"UNCP is one of the only public universities established for Indians," Dr. Vest said. "Here you have an Indian university set in an Indian community. It is very unique, and I have a good feeling here."

Dr. Vest brings to Pembroke an arsenal of scholarship and interests. His interest in environment was fueled by summer jobs fighting fires and later working for the U.S. Forest Service.

"A lot of Indians supported themselves fighting fires, and the environment and Indian culture are a good fit because there is an accord between Native Americans and nature," Dr. Vest said. "My studies stayed on this dual track."

Working with Dr. Joseph Epes Brown, the first professor of American Indian Religion in a religious studies program, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Montana.



Vest with best of AIS founder Adolph Dial

NATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

After earning master's degrees in philosophy and religious studies (American Indian traditions), he entered the school's forestry program, where he was able to study American Indian culture in a doctoral program. He completed postdoctoral work on Northwest Plains Indian traditions through the University of Montana's Religious Studies Department.

Dr. Vest's studies in higher education began with his associate degree in forestry from Green River College in Washington State. He received his B.A. from the University of Washington before moving to Montana.

He has received many awards, fellowships and honors has held offices in many professional organizations, including the

American Academy of Religion and the Western American Literature Association. He received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Germany and completed other research at Stanford University and at the D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of the American Indian.

He is co-author of "The Columbus Quincentennial: A Sourcebook" (1992) and editor of *Native Spirituality and Ecology*, a special issue published in fall 1991. His articles have appeared in journals such as the *American Indian Quarterly*, the *Journal of Law and Religion and Environmental Ethics* and in many book collections. He is working on several projects, including "The Amherst-Rockbridge Indian Heritage: Saponi-Monacan Survival in the Virginia Blue Ridge" and a book devoted to

Blackfeet mythology.

This fall, Dr. Vest will teach four courses at UNCP: American Indian Religious Traditions, American Indian Cultures, American Indian Leaders and Contemporary Issues of the American Indian.

In addition to teaching his courses, he has charge of a newborn son, Charles Alexander Vest, presented to him by his wife, Victoria, on Aug. 13 at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg.

For more information, e-mail Dr. Vest at jay.vest@uncp.edu or call (910) 521-6266. You may visit the Department of American Indian Studies at www.uncp.edu/ais.

Portrait of an artist in Europe



“I collected so many souvenirs that I had to abandon clothing all over Europe,” Jamie Ellis said of her travels last summer. She brought back a trunk full of experiences and enough artwork to fill several large walls.

A senior art major at UNC Pembroke, Ellis’s work is on display at the Multicultural Center in Old Main. The show is titled “Sieh um Dich,” which is German for “Look Around You.”

“What viewers will be looking at are my memories, my interpretation of what I saw,” Ellis said. “I think they are more informative than snapshots.”



Jamie of the gallery hanging

The show consists of 27 works painted while traveling in Ireland, England, Germany, France and Spain. Two paintings are oil and the remainder is watercolors. The show is open during business hours and will hang indefinitely.

“The work is the result of how the environment interacted with me,” Ellis said. “I sat on crumbling walls. I sat in things and on things and places I shouldn’t have, including an anthill. And I met some strange and nice people. I had never painted in watercolors, but that was the best medium for travel because it is so portable.”

Ellis studied at Padagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg in Baden-Wuttenberg, Germany. The university is near Stuttgart, an industrial and cultural center in a region dotted with historic castles and churches.

Ellis studied German, French and art for a semester that stretched from March to August.

“The art classes were taught in German, which was challenging, but my painting instructor was brilliant,” she said. “He taught me watercolor techniques I never could have learned on my own.”

Study abroad presented many challenges for Ellis: missed trains, lost luggage, paperwork snafus and ever-present language barriers.

“I had nine roommates and only one spoke much English,” she said. “I took German one-on-one with a tutor, and that went really well.

“My German was put to the test when I missed a connection on a train trip in Spain and went to 11 stations over 26 hours,” she said. “A young German helped me out.”

Challenges aside, Ellis said she would do it again, and it was a valuable experience, both artistically and personally.

“It gave me some really neat memories,” Ellis said. “You see pictures of these places, but I wanted to see the center of Western art for myself.”

She went to many art exhibitions, museums and famous sites, but a particularly important journey — or pilgrimage — stands out. It was to Trinity College Library in Dublin to see the Book of Kells. The Book of Kells was written around the year 800 AD and is one of the most beautifully illustrated manuscripts in the world.

“The Book of Kells has always been an important influence on my work,” Ellis said. “That was like my journey to Mecca.”

This was, in many ways, a “journey of becoming” for a young artist.

“Art is drawn from experience, so you must experience as much as you can,” Ellis said. Her advice to other artists and students: “Go and feel, whatever will develop your style. I wanted to make the most of it, and I think I did.”

For more information about Jamie Ellis’s exhibition or International Programs, call (910) 521-6508.

For more on Jamie’s work, please see www.jamiesdesigns.com



O'Brien and Gallagher leading the Celtics

Jim O'Brien, assistant basketball coach (1975-76) and brother of former UNCP great Dr. Barry O'Brien (1971-75), has led a turnaround of the Boston Celtics since taking over for Rick Pitino in the middle of the 2000-01 season.

He added a little more Pembroke magic to his staff this spring with new assistant coach Joe Gallagher (1965-68), who will coach post players. Gallagher is the all-time leading scorer in Braves history and a Hall of Fame member. He was assisting former UNCP and current Campbell University coach Billy Lee (1978-85).

KELWIN SAMPSON TO SPEAK

Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. Kelvin Sampson, head men's basketball coach at the University of Oklahoma, will speak at Givens Performing Arts Center as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series. He is a Pembroke native and a 1978 graduate. His 2001-02 squad reached the Final Four in the NCAA tournament.

Drye is freshman of year

Matt Drye became the first Braves golfer to receive Freshman of the Year honors. He played 15 competitive rounds in six tournaments with a 75-stroke average and three top-10 finishes, including a fourth-place finish at the Lacey Gane Invitational.



Jewell is all regional

Left-fielder Andy Jewell, who hit .369 last season, was named All-Region for NCAA Division II baseball.

Garmroth takes over men's basketball program

Bryan Garmroth is the new men's basketball head coach — the 13th in school history.

"We're excited Coach Garmroth has joined the UNCP family," said Chancellor Meadors. "His record shows he knows his 'Xs' and 'Os,' but he knows how to recruit competitive players on the court and in the classroom."

Athletics Director Dan Kenney said Garmroth is a great fit.

"We wanted to get a proven collegiate head coach, we wanted someone who had a clear-cut recruiting plan and we wanted someone who had a passion for leading young people. Hiring Bryan Garmroth accomplished all our objectives."

Garmroth, an Arkansas native, comes to UNCP from Spartanburg Methodist College, where he was head coach of the men's basketball program for six seasons.

"He has never had a losing season as head coach," Kenney said. "And he has done it without an assistant coach. He has done it all."

During his tenure at Spartanburg Methodist, Garmroth compiled a 137-45 record, including four seasons with 20-plus wins.

Garmroth, 41, has paid his dues on the hardwood. He served as an assistant coach at Coastal Carolina University, University of South Carolina Spartanburg, Western Carolina University and Mars Hill College.

"This is an institution that is moving forward and that it is exciting to be a part of," Garmroth said. "I am tremendously excited to be here. This is a program that is already making progress. I am happy to note that I am inheriting a solid program."

Garmroth received his bachelor of science degree from Livingston University in 1984, and his master's in education degree in physical education from Arkansas Tech University in 1986.



Johnson to lead Lady Braves softball team

Steve Johnson is the new softball coach for the Lady Braves. He will also teach in the Health and Physical Education Department.

"Steve has a proven track record on the scholastic and collegiate level, and his excellent communication skills and recruiting abilities fulfill the two major objectives of our search," said Director of Athletics Dan Kenney.

Johnson has served as an assistant coach/graduate assistant for South Dakota State University's softball program for the past two seasons, helping with recruiting, scouting and coaching for all position groups.

Prior to joining the Jackrabbits coaching staff, Johnson was the head varsity softball coach at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1998, Johnson led his team to the regional finals, while in 1999, Kennedy High School won the regional finals and advanced to the state tournament under Johnson's direction.

"There is going to be a new level of excitement and energy on the field," Johnson promised.

He is a native of West Des Moines, Iowa.



Outdoor education goes over the top

“That was the hardest thing I’ve ever done,” said Registrar Sara Brackin after successfully scaling the 50-foot north wall of the university’s new climbing tower.

Brackin and five others endured a weeklong training program last summer to become facilitators for the new Outdoor Education Center. The project, consisting of a 50-foot ropes tower, climbing wall and six, shorter stations, is located in the five-acre wood on north campus.

Funded from a federal grant and constructed by Alpine Towers International, the center will be used by students, faculty, staff and the community at large.

University officials said it would benefit the campus and the community in many ways.

Chancellor Meadors praised all involved for their teamwork. “Any project that happens has to have people who take the lead,” he said. “This is a wonderful addition to campus.”

The cost of the project is \$98,700 and was paid for by a grant obtained from the U.S. Department of Labor through the

Lumber River Council of Governments (COG). The Health and Physical Education Department will manage the project.

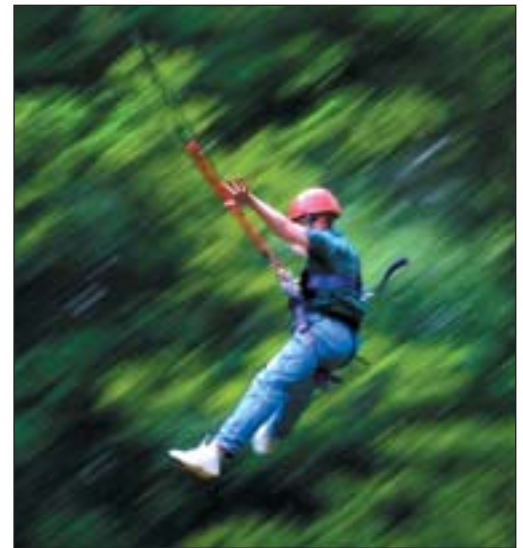
Heading up the project for the Physical Education Department were Professor Mary Beaver, Instructor Denise Renfrow, Women’s Tennis Coach Robyn Langley and Scott Haith, a graduate assistant. They were assisted by Ottis Murray, a grant writer for the Office of Sponsored Research; Sylvia Pate, director of the Regional Center; and Associate Vice Chancellor for Outreach Richard Bothel.

Developing leadership and teamwork is the purpose of this challenging program.

The university worked with Lumber River COG to obtain funding. The Student Government Association (SGA) chipped in a \$500 gift, and the Physical Plant prepared the site for construction.

A ropes course is designed to build teamwork, leadership, problem-solving skills and self-esteem. Diverse community groups such as Communities in School, Juvenile Services and Upward Bound have expressed interest in the center, and there is a great deal of interest among diverse groups on campus.

“I anticipate using this program a lot with our Leadership Service Opportunities Program (LSOP) as well as other student groups, such as Student Government, Greeks and clubs,” said Melanie Clark,



assistant director of Leadership and Community Service programs for the Office of Student Activities.

Other possible uses for the wooded site include fitness trails, camping sites and other outdoor activities and instruction.

Contractor Alpine Towers is headquartered in Jonas Ridge, N.C., and is a world leader in building, training and maintaining outdoor programs like this one.

The shorter challenge initiatives include a “trust fall” and a 12-foot obstacle wall.





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1960s

Dr. Waltz Maynor '59, a recent member of the UNCP Alumni Board, has retired from 30 years of administration and teaching at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C. He is now enjoying his retirement, cultivating a forestry preserve at his Red Banks farms and volunteering for civic, church and political organizations.

Dr. Louise Cummings Maynor '65 has been appointed chairman of the Department of English at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., where she supervises 36 faculty members. Dr. Maynor also serves as chairman of the State Advisory Council on Indian Education, State Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh.

1970s

Barry O'Brien '75 was named dean of Francis Marion University School of Business, Florence, S.C.

James A. Miller '78 was appointed by the state Substance Abuse Office as the Regional Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime Program director. The program deals with clients who have been arrested for a crime involving mental illness, drugs and/or alcohol. His responsibilities cover 21 counties, including Robeson County. He has also been appointed by the governor to co-chair the state's Criminal Justice Partnership Program Advisory Board. He has worked in the substance abuse/criminal justice field for more than 24 years.

Susan Bird Reese '79 is chair-elect for the South Carolina section of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific organization, with more than 163,000 members. This is her second term as chair-elect. She has also served as the national "Chemistry Week" coordinator for the South Carolina Section for the past several years. She was also featured in the American Chemical Society's 2001 Annual Report.

1980s



Allen Jamerson (A.J.) '83 and '86 is a student at the U.S. Army War College. He is a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Air Force as of July 30 in Carlisle, Pa.

Kimberly Herring McNeill '86 and master of arts in school counseling '94 have one son, Weston Cooper McNeill, born Sept. 26, 2001. Kimberly is a counselor with Wilton Community Schools in Iowa.

Timothy L. McNeill '88 (UNC Chapel Hill, master of health administration) will graduate from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2003. He is the recipient of a Law Opportunity Fellowship, providing full tuition and a legal research position.

1990s

Barbie Dees Coble '90, Joy A. McGugan '80 and Michael Parker are exhibiting their graduate painting theses Nov. 17, 2002 through Jan. 3, 2003 at Givens Performing Arts Center.

Brian and Sarah Jones '92 sent this photo of their son, Spencer Jones.



Paul N. Locklear '95 has a new position as assistant principal at St. Pauls High School. He is married to **Sharon Joy Locklear '94**, youth development specialist with the Indian Education Act of the Public Schools of Robeson County. They have two children, Michaela Joy Locklear, 4, and Jydor Anthony Locklear, 2.

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Monica Lowry '97 is branch manager of Advancement America, Cash Advance Centers in Laurinburg since July 1998. She married Jeff Lowry on March 20, 1999.

Holly Hunt '98 is contract services coordinator for the Youth Opportunity Grant Project at the Lumber River Council of Governments, headquartered in Lumberton.

Dr. Ramon Jacobs '98, a Pembroke native, recently began a four-year dual residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and Children's Hospital in Boston. The residency program is administered by Harvard University. His specialty is internal medicine and pediatrics. He graduated from the UNC School of Medicine in May 2002. He earned his B.S. in biology and chemistry at UNCP. He is the son of Eddie and Rose Jacobs.

Elizabeth Stuart '98 has been promoted to director of special events planning for Premiere Sports Travel in Cary, N.C. (www.sportstravel.com). She has been living in Raleigh since graduation.

Karen Butler '99 is a public relations officer with Windham Community Memorial Hospital in Willimantic, Conn., since Jan. 2002.

2000s

Mildred Elizabeth (Moya) Green '00 recently married Chris Green, and the newlyweds have relocated to Germany.

Andrea S. Locklear '00 graduated with her B.S. degree in chemistry and biology. She is a second-year medical student at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. She is also a Schweitzer Fellow, which allows an individual pursuing a career in the health profession the opportunity to plan and implement a community health project. She chose to develop a diabetic awareness program called "Sweet Talk" in Robeson County.

Tosha Marie McGirt '00 began a teaching career Aug. 7 at Breezewood Christian Academy in Hope Mills.

Kelly Montgomery '00 is a general accountant with Lab Corp in Burlington, N.C.

Meki Graham '01 began working as a nursing faculty member at Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, N.C., teaching in the RN and LPN programs December 2001. She began pursuing her master of science in nursing degree at Duke University. She is married to Pete Graham '91.

Marriages and Engagements

Marie-Louise Locklear '00 and Kevin Witmore were married Dec. 16, 2001, and welcomed the birth of their daughter, Claire-Louise, on Sept. 14, 2002.

Wendy Hinson Stanton '98 and **Terry Stanton '91**, active members in the Scotland Alumni Chapter in Laurinburg, were married Sept. 28, 2002.

Stephanie Victoria Brooks of Pembroke and **Scottie Chavis** of Hope Mills were married Nov. 9, 2002. The couple lives in Hope Mills.

Patricia Margaret Watson and **Andrew Nelson Price '95** were married Oct. 19, 2002. He is a staff accountant with Nelson Price & Associates P.A. in Lumberton. She is a victim/witness legal assistant for the Robeson County District Attorney's Office.

Ursulla Harriette Kerns '97 and **Neal Royce Locklear '98** were married June 8, 2002 at Bear Swamp Baptist Church in Pembroke.

Karen Dial '00 married Cedric Woodell on Sept. 28, 2002.

Keith S. Bullard '98 proposed to **Angela D. Revels '92** on Aug. 22. An official date has not been set, but the couple is considering May 2003. Keith is employed as a juvenile court counselor with the Office of Juvenile Justice 16B, and Angela is a marketing representative with HealthKeeperz in Pembroke.

Lorna McNeill '01 is engaged to Dr. Patrick Ricotta, a Lumberton physician. They have not set a date. Lorna is director of the Office of Alumni Relations at UNCP.

Planning for the Future ...

Mary Ann Elliott, CEO of Arrowhead Space & Telecommunications Inc. in McLean, Va., is a Chancellor's Club member and benefactor of the Mary McKenzie Edwards Endowed Scholarship in her mother's name.

An astute businessperson, Elliot is always planning for the future. Last spring, she created a living trust valued at \$100,000 for her endowed scholarship and donated another \$100,000 to create another scholarship. Endowed scholarships are a perpetual legacy.

"UNCP has become one of my designated charitable endeavors," Elliott said. "The staff and focus of the university are in keeping with my personal mission to provide quality education to those in need so that they will be able to assist themselves on this road of life."

This gift of almost \$180,000 represents an ideal example of what planned giving can do. More importantly, the effort shows a deep love for UNC Pembroke.

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Friday:

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Mary Wilson Concert - 8 p.m.
After hours Mixer - 10:30
p.m.

Saturday:

Late Registration -
9:30 p.m.

Alumni Soccer - 10:30 a.m.,
Belk Field

Alumni Basketball - 10:30
a.m., Main Gym

Barbecue Lunch - 11:30 a.m.,
Aux. Gym

Women's Basketball vs.
Lander - 2:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs.
Lander - 4 p.m.

Alumni Reunions -
6 p.m., U.C.

Awards Dinner -
7 p.m., U.C.

Alumni Dance -
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Births

Daryl W. Locklear '95, BASF systems analyst, and his wife, Jennifer Pickens Locklear, had a baby girl July 30. Her name is Isabella Brianna. She weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and was 18 inches long. Photos may be seen at <http://photos.yahoo.com/getmyfrog>.

Darlene Brewington Cummings '90 has been principal of Lumberton Junior High since 1998. She married Kenwin B. Cummings in 1982. They welcomed their daughter, McKenzie Lea, on May 16, 2001.

Wendy Lowery Jones '00 and **John Jones '99** announce the birth of their daughter, Christina Tarann Jones. She was born Aug. 10 in Fayetteville, weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 22 inches long.

It's a girl! Congratulations to Reggie McKinley and Darbie Strickland '96 on their new arrival. Lauren Grace Strickland was born Oct. 11, weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz.

Deaths

Funeral services for **Lillian Ruth Tidwell** were held Oct. 23 at Berea Baptist Church, Pembroke. Tidwell retired from UNCP in 1988 after 17 years of service.

James Bryce Jim Tarlton died unexpectedly Aug. 19 at his home. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 East Morgan St. Wadesboro, N.C., 28170.

The Mitch Tyler '78 Scholarship was established at UNCP. Tyler's legacy was honored in June when his family established the Mitchell Tyler Endowed Memorial Education Scholarship. He died March 2 at the age of 46. He served as program director in the School of Education and was an employee of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Donna Overstreet '84 died Aug. 9.

Retirements

Peggy Ward '70 retired after 30 years in education. She spent two years in Cumberland County and 28 in Robeson.

Have you seen these missing alumni?

- Adkins, Barbara A. '87
- Adler-Johnson, Jennifer C. '87
- Aebischer, Barbara Blue '79
- Akbulut, Celal '92
- Akins, Chanda Tyndall '97
- Alattas, Syed Ali '93
- Albayrak, Ayse Tuba '94
- Albayrak, Rusen Ahmet '94
- Albert, Linda K. '90
- Albert, Marvelyn Gwen '91
- Albright, James T.
- Aldridge, Debbi Ann '81
- Aldridge, Randy E. '81
- Aldridge, Tammy H. '82
- Aldridge, Vernon Wiley '93
- Alexander, Linda Denoris '94
- Alford, Jacqueline
- Alford, Shirley P. '89
- Anderson, Bobbie '97
- Allen, Angela Jean '90
- Allen, Carole J. '88
- Allen, Catherine Cooper '97
- Allen, Cynthia Jane '94
- Allen, Jody H.
- Alford, Shirley P. '89
- Alligood, Theresa C. '82
- Allen, Lacy W. '87
- Allen, Margaretta Strickland '95
- Allen, Scotty Derrick '93
- Allen, Teresa H. '78
- Allen, Theresa Carver '95
- Allen, Theresa Russell '93
- Allen, Thomas E. '62
- Alley, Cynthia D.
- Alston, Sheila D. '90
- Altman, Karen Taylor '88
- Alvarez, Allison Marie '96

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New Heights No Limits

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The annual phon-a-thon was held in October. A second phon-a-thon will be held March 2-5 and 9-12, 2003. If you would like to pledge a contribution to UNCP before the phon-a-thon, you may contact us at (910) 521-6533.



The New Face of Alumni

Non-traditional students are becoming typical of a new generation at UNCP alumni.

Both freshman and new alumni are getting older. For several reasons, Sharon Costa and Kathleen Wilderman are outstanding examples of new alumni.

They are top scholars. From Rockingham, Wilderman graduated in May with a 3.88 GPA. Costa, from Lumberton, graduated in December with a 3.94 GPA.

Both are mothers and both are 40. College can be an adventure later in life, but they managed to survive and thrive.

“My grades have surprised me because I skimmed my way through high school,” Costa said. “I had something to prove.”

“I was accepted to law school when I got pregnant with my first child,” Wilderman said. “I think it’s good to mix in non-traditional students like us with traditional students. I learned a lot from the young students.”

About 30 percent of UNCP students are non-traditional, or over 25 years of age. A growing number of students seeking teacher certification, like Costa and Wilderman, are also non-traditional students.

Both graduates say their age and experience will be helpful in their new careers.

“I saw what I could do for my own children, so I am sure I can do a lot for other children,” said Wilderman, a mother of three. “As a parent, you see that all children are different.”

Costa said that an unexpected benefit is that she is a role model for her two teenage daughters.

“I am the first member of my family to graduate from a four-year college,” Costa said. We didn’t talk a lot about going to college when I was growing up.

“Now I can tell my kids how hard they have to work to succeed, because I’ve been there,” she said.

For Costa, who started at Robeson Community College, it was a long road.

“The days of my husband coming home to a spotless house and dinner on the table were over when I started school,” she said. “There’s stress. There’s hassle, and a lot more fast food, but my husband supported me all the way.”

Costa said she doesn’t know how Wilderman, whose children are younger, managed it.

“They do get sick, and sometimes, like today, I just bring them along,” Wilderman said. “Right now, Derek can’t wait to go over the new bridge on campus.”

The new graduates also enjoyed their college experience at UNCP.

“College scared the heck out of me,” Costa said. “I like the small size at Pembroke, and I was able to talk to my professors. They are very nice.”

“I enjoyed myself,” Wilderman said. “School is fun, and I expect to be in graduate school by next January.”

These graduates have an outstanding future in education and as alumni.



Costa (left) and Wilderman

Barton and Brayboy write book on Indian basketball

by Dan Kenney, Director of Athletics

I just had a chance to read a wonderful new book written by two alums: "Playing Before an Overflow Crowd" (2002; Chapel Hill Press, Inc.; 201 pages), by Tim Brayboy '64 and Bruce Barton '86. The book is the story of North Carolina Indian Basketball in Robeson and surrounding counties.

There are great segments on area schools including Prospect, Magnolia, Pembroke, Union Chapel, Fairgrove, Hawkeye (in Hoke County) and Les Maxwell (in Cumberland County). It also profiles the construction of the "Old Gym" on campus, which was built in 1938 and demolished in 1989. Its location is now part of the water feature located in front of the library.

There is also a good article by Kelvin Sampson about the influence the league had on him.

This book is a labor of love. Bruce and Tim have been researching and writing it for more than four years. Really, it is a



Barton and his book

product of lifetime of experiences and reminiscences. My few words cannot adequately sum up the excitement and community feelings that surrounded this era of basketball.

Some legends were born on the hardwood of this league, including our own

Ned Sampson, Joe Oxendine and Tommy Swett. And, there are many great stories, like the one Tommy tells of his Les Maxwell team that practiced outdoors court on a court of packed clay. As a basketball fan, I am in awe.

Bruce credits Tim for making sure every detail was accurate. The book is loaded with great stories and photos.

Always interested in history, Bruce said he was afraid that the history of this era would fade away. "This was a social phenomenon of the segregation era, and it took some strange turns, he said."

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, contact Tim Brayboy at 916 Union St.; Cary, N.C., 27511-3756 or Bruce Barton at P.O. Box 362; Pembroke, N.C., 28372-0362. The cost is \$19.95 plus tax and shipping. I can tell you it would make a great Christmas gift for any area sports fan or historian.

Hudson '76 Still has Carolina on his mind

Those who knew Lane Hudson '76 while he attended the university will not be surprised by his latest hobby.

"Somehow, along the way, I became a storyteller," he said. "I have told stories, both traditional and original, at the annual Atlanta Storytelling Festival in 1999 and 2001. The selection of storytellers is by audition."

Hudson has lived in Carrollton, Ga., for 15 years, where he teaches news writing, public relations, photojournalism, layout and design, and public speaking for West Central Technical College.



Before launching a career in teaching, Hudson worked as an independent communications consultant for six years and in public relations/marketing with two different electric membership corporations.

He has one child, 12-year-old Elizabeth Lane.

Many in the community will remember Hudson for his role as manager of "Strike at the Wind!" He keeps in touch with Pembroke through a subscription to the *Carolina Indian Voice* and at least one yearly visit to campus.

"I keep track of the old stomping grounds," Hudson said. "I really enjoyed my time at PSU and all my friends. I have visited campus, usually on weekends or during academic breaks, to see how it has changed ... and boy, it really has and looks great."

Hudson was yearbook editor and president of TKE while a student. Writing has been a lasting interest for him.

"Recently I was featured in the June 2001 issue of *Bridges*, a regional magazine for romance writers, but don't worry, I didn't talk about romance. I addressed the issues of creativity and the writing process," he said.

"I have written news and feature stories for several newspapers, including a weekly column for the last two years," he said. "My first book is in the conception stage, which means I have a title, a plot and the pages are numbered. I just need to fill in the blanks!"

To fill in some more blanks with Lane Hudson, contact him at: 101 Lakewood Drive, Carrollton, Ga., 30117; (770) 832-2778 or at laneh@mindspring.com.

Record number of alumni scholarships awarded

Sixteen Alumni Loyalty Scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, were awarded to freshmen this fall. This is an all-time record.

The scholarship may be awarded to children of alumni who demonstrate high academic achievement, leadership potential and financial need. They are:

Michael C. Acosta, a South Robeson High School graduate, is a biology major and son of **Cruzeto '79** and **Betty '78 Acosta** of Rowland.

William Ryan Chavis, a Purnell Swett High School graduate, is a computer science/physical education major and son of **Ronnie '72** and **Judy B. '71 Chavis** of Pembroke.

Jessica Nakeisha Cummings, a Purnell Swett High School graduate, is the daughter of Kenwin B. and **Darlene '89 Cummings** of Maxton.

Andrea Faith Harris, a Scotland High School graduate, undecided major, is the daughter of **Glenn '92** and Becky **Harris** of Laurinburg.

Lesley Rae Hymbaugh, a South View High School graduate, is an elementary education major and the daughter of Ray W. and **Christina '02 Hymbaugh** of Fayetteville.

William Christopher Ivey, a Lumberton Senior High School graduate, is a pre-pharmacy major and the son of Robert D. and **Beth '83 Ivey** of Lumberton.

Heather Jacobs, a Purnell Swett High School graduate, is the daughter of **Leon '79** and **Connie '79** Jacobs of Pembroke.

Chad Everett Jones, an East Wake High School graduate, is an education major and the son of Gene A. and **Jennifer Jones '81 Lambert** of Knightdale.

Byron Gable Locklear, a Purnell Swett High graduate, is the son of **Walt '80** and **Brenda '80 Locklear** of Pembroke.

Terica Brooke Lowry, a Purnell Swett High School graduate, is an education major and the daughter of Dennis P. and **Wanda Allen '81 Ricard** of Pembroke.

Ross Eugene McLaughlin, a Jack Britt High School graduate, is a biology major and the son of **John James '78** and **Jenny Rowe '78 McLaughlin** of Fayetteville.

Stacie Danette Nutting, a Purnell Swett High School graduate, undecided major, is the daughter of William and **Suzetta B. '73 Nutting** of Pembroke.

Aaron Theodore Robich, a Richmond Senior High School graduate, is a criminal justice/computer science major and the son of John T. and C. **'76 Robich** of Rockingham.

Cindy Michelle Sanchez, a Clinton High School graduate, is an elementary education major and the daughter of **Eligio '01** and **Linda T. '97 Sanchez** of Clinton.



Acosta



Chavis



Cummings



Harris



Ivey



Hymbough



Jacobs



Jones



Locklear



Lowry



McLaughlin



Nutting



Robich



Sanchez



Sealey



Taylor

Thomas Bryan Sealey, a Lumberton Senior High graduate, is the son of Thomas **A. Sealey '78** and Brenda **Edwards** of Red Springs.

Leslie Carol Taylor, a Fairmont High School graduate, is an accounting major and the daughter of **Paul '79** and Belinda **Taylor** of Fairmont.

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Lorna McNeill '01: New alumni director

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As a professional performer and former Miss North Carolina, Lorna McNeill is used to reaching out to audiences.

As UNC Pembroke's new director of the Office of Alumni Relations,

McNeill will reach out to the university's more than 11,000 alumni. She started work at UNCP on Sept. 9 and will report to Dr. Glen Burnette Jr., vice chancellor for the Office of Advancement.

"Lorna McNeill is a very talented individual, and we believe she will be very effective in her new role working with UNCP alumni," Dr. Burnette said. "It's always heartwarming to bring one of our own back to the university.

"The Office of Alumni Relations has a very important role in the life of the university," he said. "We value each and every contact that we have with our alumni."

A native of Lumberton, McNeill is a 2001 UNCP graduate with her bachelor of music degree in performance.

"This is my home, and my roots are in this university, this community and in this state," McNeill said. "This is a wonderful opportunity."

McNeill served as Miss North Carolina 2000-2001. She has worked as a professional entertainer across the United States, Hawaii and the Caribbean. She has also worked for 10 years as a voice instructor in her Lumberton and Fayetteville studio. She is completing her master of business administration degree.

"One of my most important goals is to reach out to more alumni in the existing

chapters across North Carolina and to create more ways for our alumni to be involved with their university," she said. "Building new alumni chapters in the region and in other states is an important goal for us, as well."

As a recent UNCP graduate, McNeill said she would like to see more new graduate involvement with the university.

"A university has continuing value to its graduates, and we would like to create important bonds with our all our alumni," she said.

McNeill has a full list of alumni programs in her arsenal to reach out to all alumni.

If you have questions for the Alumni office, please call (910) 521-6213 or e-mail the office at alumni@uncp.edu. You may visit the alumni Web site at www.uncp.edu/alumni.

Cox '97: Making a 'joyful noise'

by Teresa Oxendine

By ear or by note, it doesn't matter to Tommy Cox '97. He just loves to play, and he plays beautifully!

Cox started playing piano at the age of 5, when an aunt taught him a few notes on the keyboard. From there, he experimented by playing two notes at a time, then three, and then experimented with what he refers to as "old Church of God style."

At age 7 he took his first lessons, and made his first public appearance at age 12, when he played "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" for the offertory at Hestertown Church of God.

"The church had an upright piano, so the congregation couldn't even see me," Cox said. "My feet didn't even touch the pedals."

In 1986, Tommy entered UNCP as a freshman and worked part-time with the State Employees' Credit Union.

"I began to like the money, so I quit UNCP in 1988 to go full time with the credit union," he said.

In 1993, he returned to school, and upon graduation in 1997, he was hired as

full-time minister of music for Saddletree Church of God.

Cox remembers that UNCP had "top-of-the-line instructors in every department." His mentors, Beth Maisonpierre, Dr. Gary Wright and Genie Burkett, were encouraging. He remembers feeling a huge gap in his education, not having had formal music. He felt as if he was not as good as the other students and that sight reading was his weakest area.

"I would have stuck with college the first time. But then again, the timing is probably just right. My father wanted me to be a doctor, but my mother just wanted the degree."



Music man for the Saddletree Church of God

Making a "joyful noise" is a good life, but it takes talent, ambition and faith, too.

"No goal is too high that you can't reach it," Cox said. "Put God first and let Him be your guide. He can open doors."

Formerly director of the Office of Alumni Relations, Teresa Oxendine is director of Donor Relations in the Office of Development.

Missing brother puts Jackie Jacobs on a new mission

President George W. Bush hosted Jackie Jacobs for the first-ever White House Conference on Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children on Oct. 2. The conference was attended by cabinet secretaries, government officials, corporate leaders, Department of Justice personnel, parents of missing children, representatives from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and child experts from a variety of fields.



Jackie Jacobs

Jacobs, a 1987 graduate of UNCP and a resident of Hope Mills, is president and co-founder of the Kent Jacobs Foundation, named in honor of her missing brother, Kent, who vanished without a trace March 10, 2002.



Kent Jacobs Still Missing

He is mentally retarded. The foundation hopes to prevent future child/special needs adult abductions through education and safety awareness and to serve as a liaison between the community and law enforcement.

Jacobs has been a lifelong advocate of children and family issues. She is a trustee for the Children's Home Society of Washington. She has also been invited to join the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children as a volunteer for Team H.O.P.E.

Jacobs recently returned to North Carolina after a 15-year absence to run the foundation and support her family in its time of need. Her website is www.halontheweb.com/kentjacobs.

What's New?

Alumni may submit new information about retirements, births, marriages and job changes by completing this form. We want the information for purposes of maintaining your permanent alumni record and publishing Class Notes in UNCP Today. Mail your information to Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 1510, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. The deadline for the next issue is August 1.

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Dr. Ritter joined fight against terrorism

by Lyzanne Charles

The September 11 terrorist attacks had a great impact on the world. Like many, UNCP Professor Dr. Timothy Ritter remembers exactly what he was doing on the morning of 9/11, when his wife called him at school to tell him about the attacks. But once it was certain that the events were terrorist-related, his shock turned to worry.

“By the end of the day, I was very worried about being mobilized, and so was my wife,” said Dr. Ritter, a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Dr. Ritter’s military career is lengthy, having joined the Army right out of high school. After a two-year hitch, he spent another five in the Army Reserve. After graduate school and after almost a decade away from the military, he decided to join the Naval Reserve.



That was 1998. An associate professor of physics, Dr. Ritter said the decision to join the reserves was influenced by his

wife, who is also in the Naval Reserve. He also missed the military spirit.

“There is a unique camaraderie in the military that doesn’t exist in the civilian world,” Dr. Ritter said, adding that retirement benefits and patriotism also influenced his decision. “I’m very proud of my military affiliations.”

Dr. Ritter has been at UNCP since 1996 and said his duties in the Naval Reserve had never conflicted with his teaching.

“What I do at school is completely different from what I do on the weekend with the Navy,” Dr. Ritter said.

On October 22, 2001, he was placed on active duty and sent to Norfolk, Va., for four months, a month in Baltimore, *continued on page 19*

Retirement club claims nine faculty members

Never in history have so many long-tenured, distinguished professors retired in the same year. The good news is that many will continue to work parttime. Retired are:

- Dr. Dan Barbee, came to campus in 1988; School of Business and first director Master’s of Public Management program
- Dr. Paul Berghoff, 1975, School of Education and Psychology Department
- Dr. Rhoda Collins, 1967, Education
- Dr. Wright Killian, 1967, Psychology and former assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs
- *Dr. David Maxwell, 1967, Biology and MARC Program
- *Dr. Bob Reising, 1971, English
- *Dr. John Reissner, 1976, Chemistry and Physics
- Dr. Kitty Rileigh, 1973, Psychology; winner, UNC Excellence in Teaching Award
- *Dr. Pete Wish, Chemistry and Physics; winner, UNC Excellence in Teaching Award

*Indicates part-time teaching status



Barbee



Berghoff



Collins



Killian



Maxwell



Reising



Reissner



Rileigh



Wish

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Back in the lab again

a week in New York City and three months at Pearl Harbor.

He worked for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), which handles felony crimes and also provides protection for high-ranking officials. He was assigned to the Foreign Counter Intelligence (FCI) unit, where he worked with counterintelligence and counterterrorism.

He said that his primary job was making sure that the Navy's people and assets were safe. While in Baltimore, Dr. Ritter also underwent training to become a U.S. federal agent.

In all, he spent eight months on active duty before returning to North Carolina in June. The transition back to civilian life was fairly easy, Dr. Ritter said.

"It has taken some time getting used to being back with my wife and at home and

this life," he said. Dr. Ritter returned to campus during the second summer session, and said it was "very good to be back. I love my job here at the university and being a professor, so it's good to be back."

He is also extremely appreciative toward his colleagues who took over his classes and for the support shown by everyone.

"I want to thank the whole UNCP community for their support and well wishes," Dr. Ritter said.

Lyzanne Charles is a senior journalism major from the Netherlands Antilles.

Film continued from page 3

For the poet, awarding-winning teacher and author, Shakespeare and film have been two constants in his life and career.

"I don't know if I could have written this earlier in my career," he said. "It has taken considerable time to research the different film versions of Shakespeare's plays on film."

His master's thesis and doctoral dissertation are on Shakespearean plays. Film has also been a lifelong interest of Dr. Vela's.

"My family was in the theater business in Texas and, as a teen-ager, I worked in a downtown theater and a drive-in," he said.

When pressed for his favorite Shakespeare films, Dr. Vela offers this

comment: "'Hamlet' and 'Romeo and Juliet' are the most filmed of Shakespeare's plays," he said. "One of my favorites is a Mexican version of 'Romeo and Juliet' made in 1943. It is about an actor hired to do 'Romeo and Juliet' and falls impossibly in love. It is a comic take on the play."

Dr. Vela's contributions to "Shakespeare Into Film" are significant. He wrote on 10 of the 20 plays covered and 40 of the 111 discussions of individual films. He wrote on "As You Like It," "Cymbeline," "The Merchant of Venice," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Romeo and Juliet." He collaborated on "Antony and Cleopatra," "Julius Caesar," "A

Midsummer Night's Dream," "Macbeth" and "Hamlet."

The UNCP scholar plans to teach a course on "Shakespeare into Film" in fall 2003, and he is working on another book on American film characters in Latin America.

Dr. Vela has published 38 poems, some in "The Mestizo Anthology of Chicano Poetry" (1978). He is a contributing editor to the *Literature Film Quarterly* and has written more than 40 published articles. His articles also appear in "The Encyclopedia of Filmmakers" (2002) and "The Orson Welles Encyclopedia" (2003).

SPACE AVAILABLE



Belk Track and Soccer Complex University nets biggest cash gift in history

Charlotte philanthropist Irwin Belk donated \$250,000 to help construct an athletic complex on campus. The gift represents the largest cash gift in the history of the university.



Irwin Belk

The UNCP Board of Trustees named the Track and Soccer Complex for Belk. They are also expected to name the track itself the Dick and Lenore Taylor Track for the Lumberton couple who donated \$50,000 to the project. Mr. Taylor is a Lumberton businessman.

“We are deeply grateful to Mr. Belk for this gift, his continued support of the

university and his lifetime of good works,” said Chancellor Meadors. “This gift will help turn our new Track and Soccer Complex into a truly outstanding facility.”

The new complex includes a state-of-the-art eight-lane track, a lighted soccer field and two practice fields. With Belk’s gift, the university expects to add seating for more than 1,000 spectators, locker rooms, concessions, a press box and office space.

“Mr. Belk’s gift represents a new standard for major gifts to the university and the Athletic Department,” said Dan Kenney, UNCP athletic director. “The impact of his effort will be felt by our students and the community for generations to come.”

The retired president of the Belk Group of department stores has now donated funds to help construct 15 track facilities

in the Carolinas.

UNCP’s Mary Irwin Belk Residence Hall, which was dedicated in 1970, is named for Mr. Belk’s wife. Another contribution from the Belk family endowed a distinguished professor position in the School of Business.

Belk has a lifelong interest in track and field, stemming from his days of running for UNC Chapel Hill. He has also been a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee for 45 years and received the organization’s highest volunteer award, the Olympic Order, at the Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

A generous contributor to higher education in North Carolina, Belk served two terms on the UNC Board of Governors.

Restructuring

Advancement reveals changes

The Office of Advancement has restructured and added the Office of University Relations, according to an announcement by Dr. Glen Burnette Jr., vice chancellor for the office.

Thomas Giffin has been promoted to director of Development and will be responsible for all fund-raising activities.

Giffin was director of Major Gifts and worked closely with the recent \$250,000 gift from Irwin Belk.

Amber F. Rach has been hired as the director of Corporate and Foundation Relations and will report to Giffin. Rach has broad experience as a fund-raiser with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra and director of the Office of Leadership and Principal Gifts at Johns Hopkins University.

Teresa A. Oxendine has moved from director of the Office of Alumni Relations to director of Donor Relations and will also report to Giffin. The Office of Donor

Relations designs, implements and manages the university’s central donor relations and stewardship programs, including the Chancellor’s Club.

“This restructuring reflects the adoption of the institutional advancement model that integrates the three mainline functional areas — development, alumni relations, and university relations — under one office of the university,” Dr. Burnette said. “This model will enable these three external relations units to work together and in tandem.”

Rach will write foundation grants and corporate solicitations that articulate key

messages and value of the university’s programs.

Before accepting her new position, she worked as a part-time development research analyst for the Department of Development and Alumni Relations for UNCP.

A Virginia native, Rach received her bachelor of science in arts management from Shenandoah University and is enrolled in UNCP’s master of public administration program.



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