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On Campus

UNCP's Dr. Len Holmes: A passion for promoting science



Catching up with **Dr. Len Holmes** (Chemistry) is a little like jumping on to a moving train, a fast-moving train.

Dr. Holmes recently sat down for a wide-ranging interview. His activities in promoting science have carried him near and far with outstanding results.

"I am not really sure how much grant money we're working with right now, but I've probably helped the University get biotechnology-related grants totaling several million dollars over the past 15 years," Dr. Holmes said.

NIH BRIDGES GRANT

With Dr. Holmes' help and support of the Center for Sponsored Research and Programs, the University was awarded a three-year grant this fall from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) totaling \$490,000.

"The NIH is interested in producing more researchers in biomedicine," Dr. Holmes said. "This is a 'bridges to the baccalaureate' program in partnership with Robeson and Sandhills Community Colleges to help more science students move from community colleges to four-year

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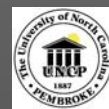
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institutions.” (Bladen and Richmond Community Colleges are associate partners.) Sheila Regan at Robeson and Dr. Rebecca Roush at Sandhills are project coordinators for their campuses.

“This is a very nice grant because it helps promising students pursue science at the next level,” Dr. Holmes said.

Dr. Holmes is already working with three other federal grants:

- a \$600,000 biotechnology development grant (ProjectBIO) from the National Science Foundation (NSF),
- a \$861,000 NSF grant (in partnership with Robeson Community College) to promote the training and use of technology in science education in the region’s public schools and
- a \$495,000 Department of Education grant (in partnership with UNC-Charlotte) to map new classroom strategies for teaching biotechnology in higher education.

“I have many great colleagues like **Drs. Maria Pereira** (Biology) and **Siva Mandjiny** (Chemistry) and partners like **Sylvia Pate** (Regional Center) and J.D. Brooks and Leslie Lowry at Robeson Community College to name a few,” Dr. Holmes said.

“Without a high level of collaboration and support, especially from our Center for Sponsored Research and Programs, it would not work,” he said.

BIOTECH CENTER

Dr. Holmes’ passion is promoting biotechnology. The pieces are coming together with the addition of a biotechnology major in 2005 and the University’s new biotechnology training and research center.

Bids for the 5,000-square-foot, \$1.6 million biotechnology center are expected to go out this winter. It will be located at COMtech.

“This is the realization of a dream for me,” Dr. Holmes said. “At this facility, we will conduct biotechnology research with advanced scientific equipment with the goal of training students for the biotechnology industry.

“The big news this fall is that Chancellor Meadors and I were appointed to the Advisory Committee for Biotechnology in Southeastern North Carolina,” Dr. Holmes said. “This is the group that was brought together by the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, which promotes biotechnology in our region and our state.”

SIBERIAN CONNECTION

He recently returned from Siberia, his fourth visit in less than two years.

“I am working on a collaboration between our faculty and the faculty of Tomsk State Pedagogical University (TSPU),” Dr. Holmes said. “We plan to bring a distinguished visiting faculty member from Tomsk in the fall 2007 semester to teach physics.

“It’s a challenge,” Dr. Holmes said. **Dr. Jose D’Arruda** (Physics) and I have been cultivating this relationship for some time.”

The challenge is already paying off, however, with UNCP’s faculty contributing six articles to the fall edition of TSPU’s education journal. A physics Olympiad between UNCP and TSPU students is also being planned.

That is just one phase of Dr. Holmes’ program to promote science.

“This summer, we launched a biotechnology blog aimed at building a virtual biotechnology community among high school students and their teachers,” he said. “We want them to get more involved in the sciences, particularly biotechnology.”

The Internet project – www.biotech-thinktank.com - was funded from a small grant from the National Institutes of Health in partnership with Indiana University.

SCHOLARSHIP

The newly endowed UNCP Biotechnology Scholarship was the subject of a television interview taped on October 31. Dr. Holmes contributed \$10,000 to launch the scholarship.

“I owe so much to UNCP and North Carolina, and this is such a small thing,” he said. “I’ve put so much of my life into this University.”

The University owes a lot to Dr. Holmes, Chancellor Meadors said.

“Dr. Holmes is a leader in the field of biotechnology and an asset to UNC Pembroke,” Chancellor Meadors said. “He has dedicated his life to the field of science and his students and this University benefit from his lifelong scholarship.”

For more information about biotechnology at UNCP, please contact the Chemistry and Physics Department at extension 6247 or email chem_phy@uncp.edu. For more information about giving at UNCP, please contact the Office for Advancement at extension 6252 or email advancement@uncp.edu

Fall cookout: UNCP’s internationals get a taste of culture

As the sun set in the autumn sky, the University’s international and (Esther G. Maynor) Honors College students streamed into Chancellor Meadors’ backyard for the annual fall cookout.

“We do this to expose some of our special students to some of the fall traditions in America,” said **Mrs. Barbara Meadors**, wife of Chancellor Meadors and hostess for the event.

From decorations to the food and entertainment - bobbing for apples and toasting marshmallows for s'mores – it was a taste of the season.



They want s'mores!

At left, Su Chen, a business management major from WuhHan University of Technology in China, and Lili Zhan, an English language and literature major from Harbin Normal University in China, enjoy s'mores.

“It’s very fall,” is how University events planner **Kandice Kinlaw** (University & Community Relations) described the backyard decorations, that included pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, “mums” and bales of straw for sitting around a campfire.

The menu was traditional fall fare, featuring Brunswick stew, cornbread, hot chocolate, candy apples and much more. Although the food proved tasty, some of the international students had difficulty identifying what they were eating.

Claudia Fimpel, a German exchange student from Ludwigsburg Normal University, held up a piece of cornbread and made some intelligent guesses.

“It’s bread; it tastes like potato bread,” Fimpel said. “I know this is not chili con carne; I think it’s a stew.”

Lin Wang, an MBA candidate from Janjing, China, was dressed for fall in jeans and Timberland boots.

“I had a test tonight, but I did not want to miss this event,” Wang said. “I talked to my professor, and I will take it tomorrow.”

China has many fall traditions, he said, and some are like Halloween. Ali Saghai, a management information systems major from Umea University in Sweden, said Halloween is catching on as an international fall tradition.

“We have Halloween in Sweden, but the children do not go out to collect candy,” Saghai said. “At Easter, the girls dress as witches and go out and get treats.”

Many of the international students had previous exposure to the U.S. including Saghai, who said he attended high school in California. Yuko Suenaga, a Japanese Master of

Public Administration candidate, said international students enjoyed a costume party at another U.S. university that she attended.

“It was fun. One student dressed as the tin man from the Wizard of Oz,” Suenaga said. “We trick-or-treated in the neighborhood, but we didn’t do too well.”

UNCP has 81 international students from 21 nations, said **Dr. Robert Schneider**, (International Programs).

Seasons Greetings!

At left, Wu Qian, a finance major from Xian Petroleum University in China, and Yang Xi, an information technology management major from Wuhan University of Technology in China, enjoy a seasonal dinner that included Brunswick stew and cornbread.



“I just returned from Russia with a faculty group,” Dr. Schneider said. “Six UNCP faculty members were published in *Education Siberia*, and we are planning a joint student Olympiad in physics with Tomsk State Pedagogical University.”

For more information about International Programs, please call extension 4095 or email ip@uncp.edu.

‘Bravecam:’ view from the Hawk's Nest

The University’s new live Web camera was activated on November 1. It may be viewed at: www.uncp.edu/bravecam/. It offers a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week view from Belk Residence Hall looking east toward the Water Feature and Amphitheatre. The Lowry Bell Tower and Moore Hall are in the distance.

AIQ book review forum is November 16



The American Indian Quarterly (AIQ) book review forum will meet from 3 – 4 p.m on Thursday, November 16, in the Multicultural Center Conference Room in Old Main.

Presenters for this session are **Dr. Judith Curtis** (Mass Communications) and **Dr. Jay Hansford C. Vest** (American Indian Studies). Faculty and students are welcome.

The forum is sponsored by the Department of American Indian Studies, and the organizing committee is comprised of Dr. Vest, chair; **Dr. Michael Spivey** (Sociology) and **Dr. Ottis Murray** (Social Work).

Community forum on diabetes is November 18

The Atlanta regional office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is partnering with the Robeson County Health Department and the Lumbee Tribe to sponsor the Southeastern North Carolina Diabetes Community Forum Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Purnell Swett High School. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The event, sponsored by the Office of Women’s Health, is the 8th and final forum in the last three years. The purpose of the forum is to enhance local community organizations’ ability to work together while building community competence to prevent and control diabetes. Each of the forums were held in a rural setting where the incidence of diabetes is extremely high.

The forum is free and open to the public. Featured speakers will include Annie Brayboy Fair, the regional coordinator for the DHHS Office of Women’s Health (also a member of the Lumbee Tribe), Dr. Martin Brooks of Pembroke, N.C., and Lumbee Tribe Chair Jimmy Goins.

Upcoming

Robeson Planetarium special show Nov. 18

The Robeson County Planetarium will present a special show on Native American “astronomers” on Saturday, November 18, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The show is entitled “Native American Skytellers.”

“How do people interpret what they see in the night sky?” said Robeson Planetarium Director **Ken Brandt** (Astronomy). “By the passing along of legends that explain these events, while teaching about values and ethics.”

Two Native American legends about the night sky will be presented, along with the science concepts behind these events. There will also be a review of the stars of the autumn night sky, under the 30-foot dome of the Robeson Planetarium.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for 18-and-under. Admission is free for students and staff of the Public Schools of Robeson County. Seating is limited to 70 per showing. Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to make reservations in advance.

For more information, contact the planetarium at (910) 671-6015 or visit the planetarium Web site at www.robesonky.com. The planetarium is located .25 mi. west of I-95 at exit 17.

‘Wonderful Town’ is Nov. 28 at GPAC

The Broadway and More Series at GPAC presents “Wonderful Town on Tuesday, November 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for faculty and staff .

Come see the city lights, humming traffic and bustling crowds! There’s nothing like New York City. Experience that rush all over again at “Wonderful Town,” a thrilling new production of one of our most adored musicals.

“Wonderful Town” is the delightful tale of two sisters, fresh off the bus from Ohio, ready to follow their dreams, fall in love and take New York by storm. With a dazzling score by Leonard Bernstein, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, featuring “ Ohio” and “A Little Bit In Love,” and a glorious script by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov, the show is a fast and funny big-city adventure.



Author to discuss Southern Christmas traditions

Emyl Jenkins will discuss Southern Christmas traditions at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, at the Sampson-Livermore Library.

Jenkins is an expert on Southern and American traditions as well as antiques. She is author of “The Complete Idiots Guide to Buying and Selling Antiques,” “The Book of American Traditions: Stories, Customs and Rites of Passage to Celebrate Our Cultural Heritage,” “Emyl Jenkins’ Southern Hospitality” and her latest work of fiction “Stealing with Style.”

It’s back! Medieval Feast returns in December

Medieval Feast VII returns on Friday and Saturday, December 1-2, at the Laurinburg (N.C.) Presbyterian Church and the Black Water Grille, a Lumberton, N.C., restaurant, respectively.

It will feature the 21 voices of the UNC Pembroke Singers and a special performance of "Brother Heinrich's Christmas."

The feast and show are open to the public. Tickets for the Laurinburg show are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children 12-and-under. For reservations, please call the church at (910) 276-0831. Ticket prices for the Black Water Grille performance have not yet been set. The restaurant may be contacted by calling (910) 738-5566.

Retired faculty get together on Dec. 7

On December 7, the Retired Faculty Club will have a luncheon at noon at the Regional Center at COMtech. Guest speaker will be **Dr. Robert Schneider** (International Programs). All retired faculty, 25-year faculty, and their guests are invited. To RSVP, call Office for Advancement at extension 6252.

People

Dr. Storms celebrated National Chemistry Week



Hands-on chemistry

Dr. Storms at the N.C. Museum of Natural History.

RALEIGH, N.C. -- On Saturday, October 21, **Dr. Meredith Storms** (Chemistry) teamed with staff at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, N.C., and the North Carolina local section of the American Chemical Society to provide a day of educational activities in celebration of National Chemistry Week (NCW).

The mission of National Chemistry Week is to reach the public, particularly elementary and secondary school children, with positive messages about chemistry while making a positive change in the public's impression of chemistry. Chemistry stage shows and hands-on experiments at the Chemistry Day event were related to the 2006 theme, "Your House: It's All Built on Chemistry."

Dr. Storms served the local section as the NCW event coordinator for the third year. She and her team of volunteers from UNCP, that included members of the Chemistry and Physics clubs, received many positive comments from the 2,450 people who visited the museum during the event.

Students, professors attend Shakespeare workshop

Six UNCP students went to the American Shakespeare Center with **Dr. Richard Vela** (English) and **Holden Hansen** (Theatre) to participate in a workshop at The Blackfriars Theatre in Staunton, Va.



Shakespearian moment

left to right: Nick Vigari, Dr. Richard Vela, Kate Donovan, Bethann Cox, Nikki Hansen, C. J. Reid, Holden Hansen, and Justin Meier. (Not pictured, but attended the plays, Matthew Ivey.)

The Blackfriars is a replica of Shakespeare's indoor theatre, which was located in the middle of London, near St. Paul's Cathedral. Students in the 90-minute "Language and Internal Clues" workshop learned from instructor Mary Coy how Shakespeare embedded performance clues in the language of his plays.

Working with scenes from "The Tempest" and "Othello," the students experimented with different ways of performing the lines. Later that day, they saw "original practice" performances of the plays. In these productions, staged as they might have been in Shakespeare's time, the lights are on without sets and the pace is very rapid. Audience members, who sit on three sides and even on the stage, are often drawn into the action of the play.

This is the second year that Dr. Vela and Hansen have taken students to these performances. Both professors were members of National Endowment for the Humanities Institute and worked at the Blackfriars and at the New Globe Theatre in London.

June Power is Internet editor for library journal



June Power (Library) is writing and editing for the *Journal of Access Services*, which was published in September. Her title is Internet editor.

Two articles by Power were accepted and are waiting publication in the next edition of the journal. They are entitled: “Access the Web: RFID” and “Access the Web: Staff Development.”

Power has also written an article entitled, “Sample Student Worker Handbook,” for the book, “On Managing Student Assistants: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians,” by Kimberly Burke Sweetman (New York: Neal-Schuman, 2006).

Tyner, Hopper honored by state history society



Blake Tyner (Art) and **Janette Hopper** (Art) were recently honored by the North Carolina Society of Historians. The society met in Morehead City, N.C., in October at its annual meeting and awards dinner.

Tyner was honored four times: with the Evelina Davis Miller Museum award for his work at the Robeson County History Museum; with a Paul Green Multimedia Award for a promotional brochure for the museum; with the Willie Parker Peace History Book Award for his book, “Robeson County in Vintage Postcards;” and with a second Paul Green Multimedia Award for his work with Hopper at Bellamy Mansion in Wilmington, N.C., entitled “Secrets of the Swamps.”

Book review, article by Dr. Vest are published



A book review by **Dr. Jay Hansford C. Vest** (American Indian Studies) of Bruce Granville Miller’s “Invisible Indigenes: The Politics of Non-recognition” (University of Nebraska Press, 2003) was published in the *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, (Fall 2006; pages 171 – 172).

A refereed journal article by Dr. Vest, entitled “Pocahontas and the John Smith Rescue: The Archaeology of a European Tale-Type,” was published in the *Quarterly Bulletin of the Archeological Society of Virginia* (September 2006; pages 109-118)

Utilizing a folklore methodology, the essay examines the historical record of John Smith and others concerning the rescue tale attributed to Pocahontas. It concludes that to have rescued Smith in 1607, the Indian girl would have been seven-to-nine years old based upon a later observation of the girl by William Strachey in 1610.

Furthermore, Pocahontas was a common childhood name for pre-pubescent female children among the Powhatan peoples of Virginia. The rescue folk motif characterized by Smith's 1624 account is itself a common tale type characteristic of European folklore while it has no cognate in Native North America. As a result, it is concluded that the Pocahontas of the Smith Rescue Tale is a fiction based upon folklore.

Dr. John Parnell is published in journal



An article co-written by **Dr. John Parnell** (Business) appeared in the most recent edition of the *Journal of Applied Management & Entrepreneurship* (Vol. 11, No. 4; pages 33-48; 2006).

It is entitled: "Customer service, entrepreneurial orientation, and performance: A study of health care organizations in Hong Kong, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the USA," and was co-authored by Shawn Carraher, Sarah Carraher, Charles Carraher, and Sherry E.

Sullivan.

Dr. Ronnie Martin presents at conference



Dr. Ronnie Martin (Social Work) presented at the Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relation's 16th Annual Building Strong Families Conference on October 12. The conference was held at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa. The theme of the conference was "Families Surviving Loss."

The title of Dr. Martin's presentation was "Promoting Positive Attitudes Toward Children with Disabilities and Their Families." His presentation focused on the losses families may experience when they have a child who is disabled.



Drs. Farley and Phillips present at national conference

Dr. Martin Farley (Geology), pictured at left, presented a paper co-authored by **Dr. Lee Phillips** (Geology) and himself, entitled "Making Geology Visible," at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Philadelphia, Pa., in late

October.

The presentation discussed geology in Southeastern North Carolina and the building of the UNCP program in geosciences.

Elizabeth Taylor earns nursing scholarship

Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of **Janet Taylor** (Chancellor's Office), will receive the North Carolina Nurse Scholars award to attend UNCP's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Janette Hopper in Chapel Hill show beginning Dec. 1



JANETTE HOPPER



AMANDA SMALL



TAMA HOCHBAUM



MICHELLE GEIGER

CHAPEL HILL TOWN HALL
DECEMBER 1, 2006 - JANUARY 19, 2007

Art by Janette Hopper (Art) will appear in an exhibit at the Chapel Hill (N.C.) Town Hall from December 1 through January 19, 2007. It is a four-artist show that will open with a reception on Friday, December 1, from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Town Hall is located at 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, please call (919) 968-2749.

Birthdays, November 1 - 31

Rhonda Allen
Robert Barkley
Robert Beck
Frank Britt
Sarah Burton
Amanda Calvin
Joyce Chavis
Carl Danis
Darlene Dial
Norris Ebron
Amanda Faulk
Nicholas Giannatasio
Sarah Gray
Deborah Groves
Linda Hafer
Brian Hicks

Anthony Holderied
Connie Ingram
Saundra Jones
Virginia Jones
Richard Kacmarynski
Glenda Kiser
Illya Lindsey
Jimothy Locklear
Donnie Locklear Jr.
James B. Locklear III
Tabitha Locklear
Deborah Lundin
Matthew Lundin
Regenia Maynor
Tommy Mckenzie
Paul J. O'Neil
Rebecca Oxendine
Larry Parsons
Ed Powers
Timothy Ritter
Jeremy Sellers
Harold Teague
Jay Hansford Vest
Sandra Williams

November 15 – 30

Toby Bicknell
Tela Brooks
Lisa Bullard
Pamela Carroll
Kelly Charlton
Pattie Dees
Bruce DeHart
Eric Dent
Susan Edkins
Amelia Elk
David Fricke
Elizabeth R. Froeba
Jan Gane
Laten Jones
Bonnie Kelley
Laura Lawyer
Raymond Lee
Brenda Locklear
Jacquelyn Locklear
Judith K. Locklear

Lawrence Locklear
Penny Locklear
Stanphane Locklear
William Martin
John D. Masters
Douglas McBroom
Sherry McLaughlin
Geraldine McMillan
Edwin Mensah
Janette Moore
Stephany Newberry-Davis
Doris Oxendine
John Parnell
James Rogers
Mark Schwarze
Karen Staab
Cornelia Tirla
Amie Ward
Joy Weeber
Susan West
Miriam Williams

New Hires

Elizabeth Froeba – Assistant Director, Admissions
Bruce D. Sharp II – Assistant Director, Admissions
Thelma Colon - Administrative Secretary III, School of Business
Reginald Lowery – Supply Store Manager I, Bookstore
Hal Davis – Assistant Professor, Music
Debbie Chaves - Administrative Secretary I, Enrollment Management
Sandra Cummings – Housekeeper, Physical Plant
Rebecca Deal - Student Services Assistant IV, Disability Support Services

Promotions

Pecouse Lucas - Administrative Secretary II, College Opportunity Program
Natalya Freeman – Associate Director, Admissions
William Steve Martin – Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management
Douglas Simmons – Assistant Baseball Coach, Athletics
Janet Taylor - Administrative Assistant II, Chancellor's Office

Deaths

Sheila Prevatte's mother, Martha Johnson, passed away. Prevatte works in the School of Business.

Horrie Thomas Kinlaw Jr. died on November 9. He is the father of Kandice Kinlaw (University & Community Relations).

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