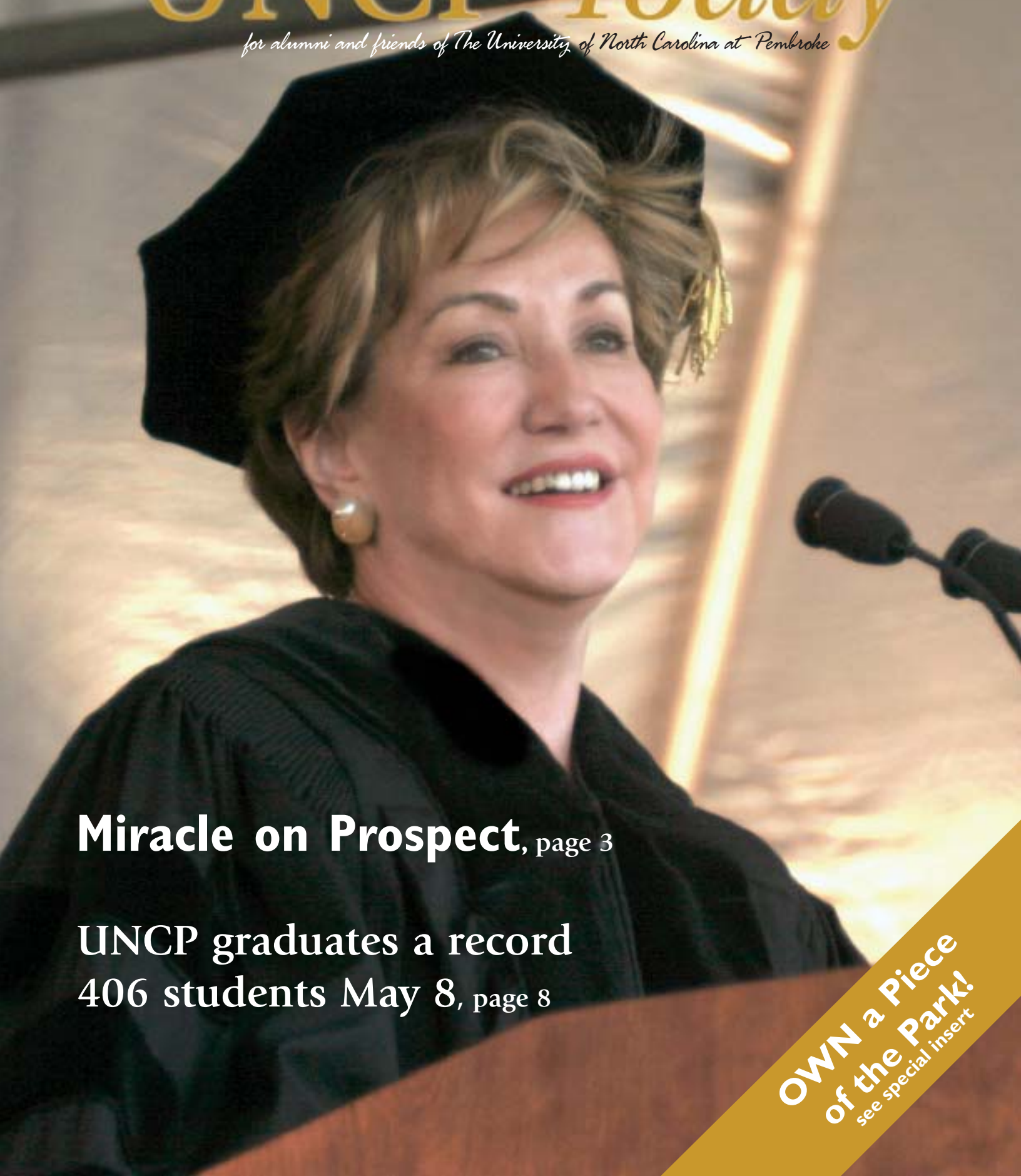


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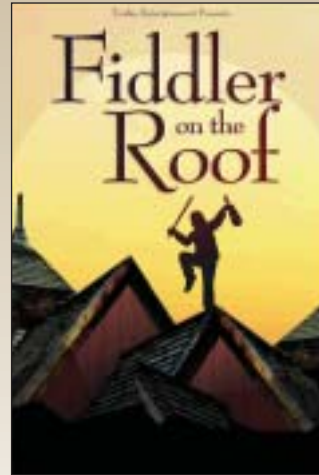
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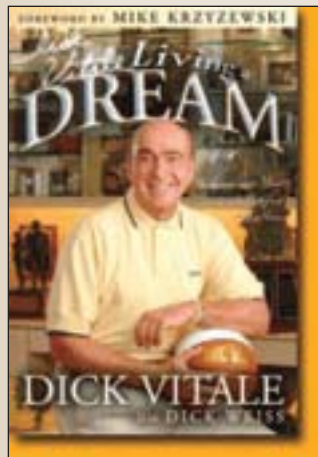
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Lawmakers on Campus



Rep. Richard Morgan, Republican co-speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, was in

Pembroke on February 25 to tour UNCP. "It amazes me to see the new construction on campus and the pride and enthusiasm that Chancellor Meadors has for this institution," he said.



Rep. James Black, Democratic co-speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives, toured new construction at UNCP on February 5. "I visited this campus about five years

ago, and I didn't recognize it today," he said. "I am happy to see the bond money at work."



Marc Basnight, N.C. Senate president pro tem, recently spent a day touring UNCP. Basnight summed up his visit by saying, "Your Chancellor is fantastic, and I met

with faculty and reviewed construction projects."



U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole delivered the Commencement address May 8. "There is no question about it—UNCP is a tremendous engine of growth for

the economy."



U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre visited campus April 26. "UNC Pembroke is setting the pace for UNC universities," he said. "It is thrilling to see the

explosion of growth on campus. The number of students coming to the University is phenomenal."

Chancellor's Message

Alumni, Donors and Friends



UNC Pembroke is committed to offering its students a top-quality education. As our enrollment continues to grow, our University meets the demands of its students by adding new programs that enhance our students' marketability and offer them the flexibility they need to complete their degrees.

Undergraduates can now major in one of our new programs: environmental science and Spanish. Students may also minor in Spanish and, beginning this fall, a new minor in gender studies will be offered.

Graduate students interested in UNCP's MBA or MPA program will enjoy increased flexibility as the University expands its offerings. The MPA program is now offered in day and evening classes, online and overseas. Expanding its evening component, the MBA program has also instituted a new day program focused on training entrepreneurs who will serve the needs of our region.

UNCP will soon celebrate the completion of three construction projects that represent \$24.4 million in new buildings and renovation projects. The Walter Pinchbeck Facilities, Planning and Maintenance Building was dedicated on May 24, and the Regional Center and the Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building will be dedicated this summer.

In May, Senator Elizabeth Dole and UNC President Molly Broad participated in UNCP's Spring 2004 Commencement ceremony. The first class of University Honors College students was among the 406 students celebrating the culmination of their studies at UNC Pembroke.

This issue merely grazes the news and events occurring on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. I encourage all our alumni, donors and friends to visit UNCP and view firsthand all the extraordinary growth happening on this campus.

UNC Pembroke will continue to honor our traditions as we blaze toward the future. We will never cease in our quest to offer innovative opportunities for our students, encourage our esteemed faculty, support the region we serve and solidify UNC Pembroke's position as the best regional university in the nation.

Allen C. Meadors

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



Miracle on Prospect

For an institution that is nearly 117 years old, five years is not a long time. But the first five years of Dr. Allen C. Meadors' chancellorship — 1999-2004 — have been some of, if not the most productive years in University history.

The depth and breadth of change have left no stone unturned. The campus has been transformed, from its appearance to the content, quality and reach of its programs.

Whether all this is the result of good luck or outstanding leadership, historians may argue these points for the next 117 years. For those on the inside, the answer is simple — it was just plain hard work!

When looking back at the first five years of the Meadors' era, many things remain the same. The University's mission in the local community, in the region and in the state is essentially unchanged, except for the fact that a bigger University performs the same functions better.

Surging enrollment and booming construction mark the era.

Enrollment growth is the engine that drives the new University, but enrollment is more than one number. The key number is that in five years, enrollment has grown more than 54 percent from 3,062 students to 4,722 students.



The brick and mortar facade of the campus has changed dramatically, with more than \$100 million in construction projects completed or under way. Landmark new buildings include a residence hall, an apartment complex, a physical plant complex, Regional Center and a track and soccer stadium. A new auxiliary building (including a bookstore), a new University Center annex and a classroom building will follow these projects.

The story of the construction of University Village Apartments has become known as "the miracle on Prospect Road." Contractual delays caused the three buildings with 216 beds to be built in just 87 days to get students in for the fall semester of 2003. Another two buildings with 144 beds are under construction, to be open for this fall semester.

For the core campus buildings, changes have been equally dramatic. Oxendine Science Building and Jones Athletic Center are nearing completion of large expansion and renovation projects, while the Moore,

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Locklear and D.F. Lowry buildings will undergo comprehensive renovations and smaller additions.

Oxendine Science Building is a model for the benefits of the University's construction boom. Completely gutted and renovated, a three-story wing housing state-of-the-art laboratories that will train the next generation of doctors, health care professionals, researchers and science teachers has been added.

The new water feature is the symbol of an invigorated University and is located in the heart of the Quad. With a fountain, a bridge, an amphitheater and stunning views, it is the new focal point of campus.

The University is making major gains in its fundamental mission of serving its region with programs and courses offered at Richmond, Sandhills, Southeastern, Montgomery, Bladen and Fayetteville community colleges and at other locations in Scotland, Robeson and Anson counties.

Construction has permanently altered the way the University works and lives. A vibrant student life has blossomed among the more than 1,500 on-campus resident students, forever ending the legacy of a "suitcase" University that closes on weekends.

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The other enrollment numbers — summer school, online, off-campus, graduate and other figures — tell the rest of the story.

From 1999 to 2004, online enrollment grew more than 2,000 percent to more than 1,000 students. Summer school enrollment is up 74 percent to 3,156 students. Graduate enrollment has



increased 72 percent. Out-of-state student enrollment is up 120 percent. International student enrollment has increased 184 percent. Enrollment in the Teaching Fellows Program is up more than 96 percent. Enrollment in teacher certification programs has increased 85.5 percent.

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The University is making headway in solving North Carolina's teacher shortage crisis. Three consecutive years of exemplary rankings by the Department of Public Instruction — making the



University one of only two North Carolina universities to achieve this distinction — have attracted more and better-quality teacher candidates.

One enrollment number that should never be overlooked is that of Native Americans. At a University that was founded for Native Americans, there are now 959 Native American students, the highest by far in history.

Employment has also mushroomed since 1999. There are 54 new full-time and 18 new part-time faculty members and 96 new staff members. The economic impact of the University on its surrounding community will top \$100 million annually by 2006, compared to \$53 million in 1999.



The quality and number of programs are also quickly expanding. New majors in Spanish and environmental science were added this spring. Biotechnology and a four-year bachelor of science degree in nursing are on the drawing board.

Five new graduate programs have been added, and the master of business administration (MBA) and the master of public administration (MPA) degrees have added day programs. The MPA degree may be earned entirely online.

The commitment to quality programs, such as a new and growing University Honors College, is paramount. From its conception in 2001, the Honors College now boasts 74 students with average SAT scores of nearly 1200.

There is more: a new women's soccer team, a Multicultural Center, two new vice chancellors, an outdoor education center, an Office of Minority Affairs, a Distinguished Speaker Series, an Office of International Programs ...

**Is there a miracle
on Prospect Road?
You be the judge. ■**

Business professor publishes two books



Dr. John A. Parnell, William Henry Belk Distinguished Professor of Management, recently published two books.

Dr. Parnell's textbook titled "Strategic Management, Theory and Practice" (Atomic Dog Publishing, Cincinnati: 2004) will be used in upper-level undergraduate and graduate

management courses.

His second book is a collection of papers on American business practices written for Chinese students and titled "Business English" (Higher Education Press, Beijing: 2003). The book contains two units written by Dr. Parnell and another by former UNCP Professor Lewis Hershey. ■

Business Dean Eric Dent returns from Cuban conference



Dr. Eric B. Dent, dean of the School of Business, recently spoke at an academic conference in Havana. This was his second trip to Cuba.

Dr. Dent lectured on "The Challenges of Observation, Inquiry and Measurement in Complexity Theory" at the Second Biennial Seminar on the Philosophical,

Epistemological and Methodological Implications of Complexity Theory Conference. He is a leading American expert in the field, which has its roots in natural science.

Dr. Dent's conference paper will be published in the book "Managing the Complex: Philosophy, Theory and Practice," edited by Kurt Richardson. ■

Valenti receives UNC Award for Teaching Excellence



The Board of Governors of the 16-campus University of North Carolina selected English professor Dr. Patricia Valenti to receive its 10th annual Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The board annually names one faculty member from each of the 16 campuses to receive a commemorative bronze medallion and a \$7,500 cash prize. Dr. Valenti served as grand marshal of Spring

Commencement 2004.

Dr. Roger Brown, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, hailed the award as a lifetime achievement for a faculty member.

"I have heard from members of the awards committee that Professor Valenti's classroom presence is dynamic, enthusiastic and highly knowledgeable," he said. "She is the embodiment of the teacher/scholar that we value so highly at UNC Pembroke. I am very proud to be a colleague of Professor Patricia Valenti."

Dr. Valenti joined UNCP's faculty in 1984. In addition to her teaching duties, she is coordinator for the master of arts in English education program.

Dr. Valenti is a scholar of 19th-century American author Nathaniel Hawthorne and his family. In 1991, LSU Press published Dr. Valenti's book on Hawthorne's daughter, "To Myself a Stranger: A Biography of Rose Hawthorne Lathrop."

The first volume of Dr. Valenti's biography of Nathaniel Hawthorne's wife, titled "Sophia Peabody Hawthorne: A Life, Volume I through 1847," will be published this spring by the University of Missouri Press. During the 2001-2002 academic year, she was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities for a one-year research grant to write the book.

Last year, she served as distinguished visiting professor in the Department of English and Fine Arts at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. That year, Greenwood Press published Dr. Valenti's book, "Understanding 'The Old Man and the Sea': A Student Casebook to Issues, Sources, and Historical Documents."

An important element of Dr. Valenti's professional activities is assisting in the development of other public school teachers and faculty members. She successfully applied for a National Endowment for the Humanities Focus Grant so she could work with area teachers to develop techniques for effectively teaching Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter."

Dr. Valenti has received the University's Outstanding Teacher Award and several faculty development grants. A New York City native, she received her Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her B.A. degree from Marymount College.

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Dr. Thomas Leach, a longtime colleague of Dr. Valenti's in the English Department and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said she is a model teacher-scholar.

"In her 20 years of service to UNCP, Dr. Patricia Valenti has enhanced the learning of her students, providing an example of a teacher-scholar whose commitment to teaching is enriched by her outstanding scholarship," Dr. Leach said. "She is an esteemed colleague, and I am proud of her achievement in receiving this distinguished award."

The Board of Governors' Committee on Personnel and Tenure, chaired by John W. Davis III of Winston-Salem, N.C., selected the 16 recipients. The Board of Governors established the award in 1994 to underscore the importance of teaching and to reward good teaching. The awards are given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC campus.

UNC President Molly Corbett Broad and Board of Governors Chairman J. Bradley Wilson of Cary presented the awards at a recognition luncheon held in conjunction with the board's May meeting. ■

In Memoriam



Dr. Min-Chuan Ku came to Pembroke State College in 1965 as a professor of political science. He was the only Chinese person on the faculty at that time.

"Dr. Ku was always nattily dressed in white shirt, bow tie, jacket and dress slacks," said Dr. Raymond Rundus following news of Dr. Ku's death in July 2003. "He played pingpong with students and was a wizard at the game. And, as those who observed him on the dance floor at the annual Christmas Ball, he was a fast-stepper. The dean of the University, Ken Kersh, once observed that Dr. Ku was 'the best scholar on the faculty.' In 1978, he published a book, 'The Comprehensive Handbook of the United Nations.'"

Dr. Ku later retired to Fayetteville. "He prevailed upon me to help him with editing and re-writing," Dr. Rundus said. "Later, he moved into the Village Green complex in Fayetteville. I visited him occasionally. Dr. Ku was the kind of human being whom one would likely never forget." ■

Retired Faculty Dinner



Enjoying the company of fellow retired faculty members and their spouses are, from left, Mary Lamm, Dr. James Ebert, Dr. Gibson Gray and Dr. Raymond Rundus.

Faculty/Staff News

UNCP graduates a record 406 students May 8



U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole encouraged graduates of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke to be passionate in the pursuit of their goals.

Sen. Dole spoke to an audience of 4,000, including a record 406 graduates, during an outdoor Commencement ceremony Saturday, May 8. It was the first outdoor commencement held at UNCP since Bill Cosby spoke in 1998.

"If you are truly passionate about what you are doing, the sky is the limit," Sen. Dole said. "I do know what it is like to face challenges."

The senator from North Carolina has shattered many barriers during her long career of public service that began during the Nixon administration. In 2002, she was the first woman from North Carolina elected to the U.S. Senate.



"Long before I had a business card with 'Senator' in front of my name, I had other glass ceilings to break," she said. "The path I chose to take was certainly the one less traveled in Washington, D.C."

Besides being one of 24 women in a class of more than 500 men at Harvard Law School, Sen. Dole was the only woman to serve on the Federal Trade

Commission and the first woman to lead a branch of the armed services, the U.S. Coast Guard.

"There will always be daunting challenges, and when they say it can't be done, I can't wait to try," she said.

There are several issues that Sen. Dole is passionate about today. One of these issues is dear to the hearts of many who attended graduation at the University that was founded in 1887 as the nation's first state-supported institution of higher education for American Indians.

"I am passionately pursuing the recognition of the Lumbee Indians," she said. "I introduced this as my first legislative initiative in the United States Senate because it is the right thing to do — it is the fair thing to do."

Sen. Dole said the casino gambling issue poses a difficult problem for Lumbee recognition.

"Well, critics are now spending millions of dollars to derail the progress of this bill, based on the premise that passage will promote gaming on Lumbee land," she said. "This argument holds no water with me. Indian gaming has only been around since the 1980s, yet the tribe has been seeking federal recognition since the 1880s."

A buy-out of federal tobacco allotments is another difficult battle that Sen. Dole is ardent about. She was speaking in the heart of tobacco country.

"I don't need to tell you all why a tobacco quota buy-out is essential for North Carolina, but unfortunately, I have to convince a lot of folks from places like Maine and Minnesota," she said.

Sen. Dole, who fought for public safety as U.S. Secretary of Transportation and against world hunger as president of the

American Red Cross, said, when all is said and done, passion makes the difference.

"The questions we will ask ourselves are, 'What did I stand for?' 'Did I make a positive difference in the lives of others?'" she said. "That, UNCP graduates, is what truly matters."

"Just imagine what you can do in this journey called life," she added. "Place no boundary on your aspirations."

In his closing words to graduates, UNCP Chancellor Allen C. Meadors urged them to keep their dreams in focus.

"Let your experience here at UNCP strengthen you for the journey ahead," he said. "Have clear and focused goals, and make your long-term goals part of your everyday life."

Offering greetings to graduates were UNC President Molly Corbett Broad; Dr. Dudley Flood, a member of the UNC Board of Governors; Gervais Oxendine, chair of the UNCP Board of Trustees; Dr. Thomas Dooling, chair of the General Faculty; Alphonza Thomas, vice president of the Student Government Association; and Hal Sargent II, president of the UNCP Alumni Association. ■

The Chancellor's Club

Become a Member of the UNCP Family.

For Herbert James Ayars '86 and his wife, Jennifer, membership in the Chancellor's Club is about setting priorities and planning — planning for the future of students seeking an education at one of the leading universities for growth and diversity in the southeastern United States — The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

"To grow and diversify, the University needs money," James said, "but people think they have to give big. It's not the size of the gift that is always most important, just that you give — consistently." Giving on a consistent basis by placing UNCP in your annual budget helps the University plan its budget and establishes predictability for a consistent income flow.

"At small universities, one individual can make a big difference," said James. He feels a special sense of pride with each visit to the UNCP campus. Seeing new buildings gives him a small feeling of "I helped do this."

"A lot of people worked extremely hard to provide me with an education and to help me grow," James said. "If you feel it's important enough, you can find the means to support the University."

"College can provide the setting for the most memorable years of your life," Jennifer said. "Being a member of the Chancellor's Club enables us to continue the feelings we had while as students and keeps us connected to the University."

"Jennifer and I knew we would be purchasing a home and would eventually start a family," James said. James and Jennifer's priorities changed with the recent birth of their daughter, Victoria, but they still have UNCP high on their list. "I didn't just want to be on the alumni list — I wanted people to know I contributed something besides my presence in the classroom," James said.

Join James and Jennifer Ayars and 250 other UNCP alumni and friends by joining the Chancellor's Club with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. Give unrestricted — the area of greatest need — or give to the fund of your choice. New-generation alumni — graduates during the last 10 years — may join at a reduced rate. Join our growing family of alumni and friends who are committed to making UNCP better than ever. For more information, call the Office of Donor Relations today.



Herbert James '86 and Jennifer Ayars with their daughter, Victoria. James is serving the second year of his term as chair of the Chancellor's Club.

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John Haskins named women's basketball head coach



John Haskins has succeeded Sandi Littleton as head coach of the women's basketball program. Haskins, who led the men's program for 10 seasons, has also served as head golf coach and assistant director of athletics for Internal Affairs for the past two years.

A native of Newport News, Va., Haskins earned his associate's degree in 1978 at Lees-McRae College and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in physical education at UNC Wilmington in 1980. In 1981, he completed his master of arts degree in education at Appalachian State University. ■

Jason Tinsley to head men's basketball program



Jason Tinsley has been appointed head coach of the men's basketball program. Tinsley, who just completed his 15th year in the coaching ranks, served as UNCP's assistant men's

coach during the 2003-2004 season.

A 1989 graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La., Tinsley completed his master of education degree in sports administration at his alma mater in 1997. In addition to his coaching duties, he will serve as a lecturer in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department. ■

Cheerleaders and stuntmen place ninth at nationals



Cheerleading and stuntmen teams placed ninth out of 12 teams in their division at the NCAA's National Collegiate Championships in Daytona Beach, Fla. The competition was held from March 31 through April 4. Only the top six teams advanced to the finals, but the Braves turned in a great showing in their first-ever national competition.

"This is a great accomplishment for their first time at a national competition," said Head Coach Chris McIntyre. "They gave their best performance ever and worked as a team to get it done.

"The cheerleaders and stuntmen have set a high standard this year, and next year should be even better," McIntyre added. "Thank you to all of you who have supported us throughout everything."

The finals were televised on Fox Sports Net on April 28. ■

Kyle Savage joins athletic staff as head golf coach



Dr. Kyle Savage has been named the successor to John Haskins as head coach of the men's golf program. Savage comes to UNCP from the University of Maryland at College Park, where he had assisted with the Terps' golf squad since 1997.

A 1996 graduate of George Mason University, Dr. Savage received his bachelor of science degree in psychology. He went on to complete both his master of arts and doctoral degrees in kinesiology at Maryland while serving as a teaching assistant and as director of the university's golf classes. ■

“Let no challenge go unanswered”

would be a good motto for UNCP wrestlers.

In response to Coach P.J. Smith's Willie Mayes Scholarship "challenge," the scholarship, named after the late wrestler, has reached \$2,000. Mayes' fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, contributed \$1,000, and an anonymous donor matched the gift.

All-American wrestler Willie Mayes died tragically on the eve of his graduation in 1988.

Four UNCP wrestlers earn All-American status; UNCP finishes 15th nationally

In the recent NCAA Wrestling Division II National Championship, four UNCP grapplers earned the title of All-American by placing in the top eight of their respective weight classes, helping the Braves to a 12th-place finish overall with 34.5 points.

UNCP sent eight participants — a school record — to Mankato State for the tournament. Junior Roylando Lucas led the charge with a third-place finish at 133 pounds. Returning All-American and junior Dwayne Coward reached sixth place for UNCP in the 165-pound division. Sophomores Willie Hilton and Corey Winston both took home eighth place at 141 pounds and 197 pounds, respectively.

Seniors Jerome Benjamin and Josh Woodruff displayed their talent in the 157-pound and 285-pound classes, respectively. Junior Curry Pickard wrestled three matches before being eliminated at 125 pounds, as did sophomore Derek Brunson in the 184-pound division.

During the 2002-2003 season, UNCP finished 15th nationally. ■

Braves Athletics

Advancement

James and Christine Hunt Memorial Scholarship endowed



From left, Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, Eric Hunt, Jim Hunt and Dr. Warren Baker, dean of the School of Education.

The family of the late James Leon and Christine Roberts Hunt has created an endowed scholarship at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke to honor their parents.

The family established an endowed or perpetual scholarship that will be awarded to a junior or senior education major with demonstrated financial need. The endowment was initiated with a gift of \$13,000.

The late James and Christine Hunt, whose family home is in the Pine Lake community near Pembroke, N.C., worked 60 years for the public schools in Robeson County, and the couple raised six sons.

Mr. Hunt, who grew up near Fairmont, N.C., was a combat veteran of World War II and received a Purple Heart. Following military service, he graduated from UNCP in 1950 with his degree in education. Mr. Hunt taught at Fairgrove School.

Mrs. Hunt grew up in the Pembroke area. She completed her degree at UNCP in 1957 after establishing a family. Mrs. Hunt taught at Union Elementary School for many years.

"Our parents were the first members of their family to graduate from college. Their parents were tenant farmers," said Jim Hunt. "This University has had a great impact on my parents' lives and my family."

In all, the Hunts' six sons have earned eight college degrees — four from UNCP.

"Our picture was in the 1957 *Indianhead* as 'future PSCers,'" Hunt said. "We were a big family, a happy family and blessed with good times."

In a recent meeting, Chancellor Meadors thanked family representatives for their gift.

"The Hunt family exemplifies the commitment to legacy of our alumni," he said. "The memory of James Leon and Christine Roberts Hunt is honored through the establishment of an endowed scholarship at UNC Pembroke."

The six Hunt brothers are David, Gerald, Christopher, Jim, Eric and Terry. Their father passed away in 2001, and their mother died in 2003. The family will continue to raise funds for the memorial scholarship. ■

Endowed scholarship honors late Haliwa-Saponi leader

The late Percy Richardson was a longtime leader of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of Halifax and Warren counties in North Carolina and had a lifelong passion for Native American education, said his granddaughter, Shirley Ann Richardson, whom he called Ann.

Ann and her husband, Alonza Richardson, of Naples, Fla., established the Percy Richardson Endowed Memorial Scholarship at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke in December 2002 to honor the tribal leader.

Although neither she nor her grandfather attended UNCP, Ann Richardson considers the University part of her family and tribe. Therefore, she felt it was appropriate to provide this educational opportunity to Native Americans, as the scholarship would have been her grandfather's desire.

Richardson, who is a real estate investor in Florida, maintains ties to her tribe by attending tribal events, meetings and family reunions. Many Haliwa-Saponi tribal members attended UNCP over the years with the encouragement of tribal leaders like Percy Richardson.

"My grandfather made every effort to ensure that we had some form of higher education, whether it was trade school or formal education," she said. "He believed that education was the key to success and opportunities to serve your people."

Percy Richardson (August 11, 1914 - February 1, 1988) lived in Hollister, N.C., and worked in North Carolina and Virginia as a carpenter and draftsman. Richardson was elected vice chief of the Haliwa-Saponi in 1955 and served in this capacity until the late 1980s. He was instrumental in the "re-birth" of the

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe that lacked organization, identity, recognition and educational opportunities.

"My husband and I felt the most important thing we could do in his honor was to establish this scholarship," Richardson said. "He would want others to have the opportunity to attend college and reach their goals of serving Native Americans and other people."

Ann and Alonza Richardson contributed a total of \$20,000 to an endowment that will fund a \$500 annual scholarship. The Richardsons also provided an initial \$500, bringing the total gift to \$20,500. To qualify for the scholarship, preference will be given to a member of a state-recognized tribe, then to a member of a federally recognized tribe and then to any student seeking a degree in American Indian Studies. ■

Progress Energy endows scholarship

Progress Energy has endowed a scholarship at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke for education majors in science and math.

The endowed scholarship was funded by the Progress Energy Foundation in the amount of \$20,000 and is expected to produce a \$500 scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Sandy Waterkotte, vice chancellor for Advancement, thanked Progress Energy for its history of community involvement.

"There is no gift more important than one which comes from the community which supports us," Waterkotte said. "UNCP is committed to this region, and it is especially gratifying when we are endorsed by a corporation as well-respected in this state as Progress Energy."

The scholarship will go to a junior or senior student who is seeking teacher certification in math or science. Dr. Warren

Baker, dean of UNCP's School of Education, said the initiative is a welcome one.

"This initiative by the Progress Energy Foundation is especially gratifying in that it will fund scholarship support for needed mathematics and science teachers," he said. "It also reflects their commitment to the region, and we in the School of Education are so very appreciative of their efforts."

The student receiving the Progress Energy Teaching Scholarship will demonstrate

academic excellence, leadership potential and the desire to succeed. ■



Progress Energy Foundation Gift: From left, Chancellor Allen C. Meadors; Rachel McBroom, coordinator of Science Education; Mary Klinikowski, coordinator of Mathematics Education; Dr. Warren Baker, dean of the School of Education; Heather Jaques, mathematics education major; Claus Marteny, mathematics education major; and J. Mark Frederick, Progress Energy's Weatherspoon Plant manager.

Two new Mazda Scholars



New Mazda Scholars: From left, Annemarie Pender of the Mazda Foundation; Ryan Regan, Mazda Scholar from Lumberton, N.C.; Ryan Chavis, Mazda Scholar from Pembroke, N.C.; and Barbara Nocera of the Mazda Foundation.

The Class of 2008's Mazda Scholars were introduced at a "Celebration of Achievement" on April 23 at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

High school seniors Ryan Chavis of Purnell Swett High School and Ryan Regan of Lumberton High School will receive a total of \$50,000 from the Mazda Foundation to fund their education at UNCP.

Two graduating Mazda Scholars were also honored at the event, which was attended by representatives from the Mazda Foundation and Williamson Mazda of Lumberton. Deanna Bullard, who finished at the top of her class in the School of Business, and Jessica Caulder represented the first class of Mazda Scholars.

The scholarship program for business majors at UNCP is funded by the Mazda Foundation as a part of its efforts to aid minorities in its local communities, said Barbara Nocera, director of government and public affairs for Mazda's North American Operations and program director for the Mazda Foundation.

"Mazda strongly believes that a company has a responsibility to give something back to the communities in which it does business," she said. "A focus on youth and educational opportunities for minorities are common threads that run through many of the programs funded by the foundation." ■

UNCP offers 'A Salute to Teaching Excellence'



Award-winning teachers honored: From left, Felicia Hunt, Robeson County Teacher of the Year; Brian Freeman, NEA National Teaching Excellence Award; Kay Thompson, Brunswick County Teacher of the Year; and Jamie Brown, Moore County Teacher of the Year. All are UNCP graduates.

Four outstanding teachers from the region — all UNCP graduates — were honored with a "Salute to Teaching Excellence" on March 16.

Three of the alumni educators recently earned distinctions on the county, regional and/or state levels. The University presented them with engraved golden apples to honor their achievements in the teaching profession.

They included:

- **Jamie Darian Brown**, a 1998 UNCP graduate, is the North Moore High School and Moore County Teacher of the Year. Brown, a Teaching Fellow, is a language arts and writing teacher.
- **Felicia Hunt**, a 1988 graduate, is the Teacher of the Year for Purnell Swett High School and Robeson County. Hunt has been a marketing teacher at Purnell Swett High School since 1995.
- **Kay Thompson**, a 1989 graduate, is the Brunswick County Teacher of the Year and North Carolina Regional Teacher of the Year. Thompson teaches fifth grade at Waccamaw Elementary School.

Tommy O'Briant "Brian" Freeman, winner of the National Education Association's 2003 National Teaching Excellence Award, was guest of honor. A 1992 UNCP graduate, Freeman teaches second grade at Peterson Elementary School in Red Springs.

UNCP's Salute to Teaching Excellence was created to recognize individuals who have been shining stars in a challenging profession, said Dr. Roger Brown, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"As a former classroom teacher myself, I honor those who do the most critical work in our society," he said.

On behalf of the School of Education, Dean Warren Baker said, "It gives us all a good feeling to know that all over the region, we have graduates who are reaping awards like this."

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Homecoming spirits high at UNCP

Tents, barbecues and revelers sprouted across the James B. Chavis University Center lawn February 21 as the University celebrated Homecoming 2004 with parades, banquets, athletic events and sold-out performances at the Givens Performing Arts Center.

The Four Tops spun their Motown magic Friday night, and Bruce Bruce headlined a night of comedy Saturday. Large crowds thronged to many events, including Thursday's Homecoming Parade, which had a record 29 entries.

"Homecoming is the most special time of the year for the University," said Chancellor Meadors at Saturday evening's Awards Banquet. "It is the time when we celebrate our alumni.

"I feel very close to the honorees this year because I know them well," he added. "The first day I arrived on this campus, I was welcomed by Drs. Waltz and Louise Maynor."

The Maynors, both UNCP graduates from the Pembroke community, have long family ties with the University. Dr. Waltz Maynor, a retired mathematics professor, received the Distinguished Service Award, and Dr. Louise Maynor, chair of the English Department at North Carolina Central University, received the Outstanding Alumni Award.

"It's a long way from St. Anna to this podium," said Dr. Louise Maynor '72. "UNCP's slogan is, 'where learning gets personal.' Well, learning got very personal for me in 1969."

Dr. Waltz Maynor '59 was introduced as a "philanthropist, a philosopher, a catalyst."

"My family is a microcosm of what this University has meant to the Lumbee community," Dr. Maynor said. "Pappy never learned to read or write, but he sent four of his sons to UNCP."

Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the Awards Banquet were U.S. Army Major Alex Gaines and the Rev. Tecumseh Brayboy. Soccer Coach Mike Schaeffer introduced Maj. Gaines, who is UNCP's all-time leading goal scorer.

A catcher with a career batting average of .295, Brayboy is the third baseball player in his family to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Tim and Ray Brayboy were also in attendance.

"I thank God for this place that I left 40 years ago," the Baptist minister said. "It is a great place." ■



Class of 1954 Reunion: From left, Delton Ray Locklear, Mabel M. Cummings, Adeline L. Maynor, Les Locklear, James C. Dial, Eyrrtle R. Ransom, Sue L. Locklear, Grace L. Locklear and Adrene C. Locklear.



Award Recipients: From left, the Rev. Tecumseh Brayboy, Athletic Hall of Fame; Dr. Waltz Maynor, Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Louise Maynor, Outstanding Alumni Award; and Maj. Alex Gaines, Athletic Hall of Fame.

Freeman Earns 2003 National Teaching Excellence Award

Tommy O'Briant "Brian" Freeman '92 was the winner of the National Education Association's 2003 National Teaching Excellence Award. Freeman teaches second grade at Peterson Elementary School in Red Springs, N.C.

Freeman also received a "Star Polisher" Award from the University, which honored his work in preparing young students for the challenges ahead.

Chancellor Meadors congratulated Freeman on his success.

"We're extremely proud of Brian," he said. "He's one in a million — actually, 2.7 million."

"We believe UNCP offers teacher candidates the best preparation in the state of North Carolina," he added. "Our teachers are more successful in the classroom, as Brian clearly demonstrates."

Freeman competed for the NEA award with 2.7 million other teachers who belong to the nation's largest teacher's association.

"I believe it is not the wealth of the school system that makes a difference," Freeman said. "What makes the

difference in the classroom is a teacher who cares about children."

An NEA-produced video about Freeman gave lively testimony to a dedicated and extraordinarily creative teacher. In various colorful costumes, Freeman was shown teaching and entertaining a classroom of attentive students. As one of his students said, "He is the boss with the hot sauce."

The NEA National Teaching Excellence Award is one of many awards Freeman has received. He was twice named one of *USA Today's* Top 40 Teachers of the Year. He was named national Second Grade Teacher of the Year, and he also won the North Carolina NEA's top teaching award: the Terry Sanford Award for Creativity in Teaching and Administration.

Freeman shared some of his memories of UNCP.

"One of the reasons that UNCP is so successful is the commitment and dedication of its professors and administrators," he said. "I want to be just that dedicated and committed to education."

Freeman used a portion of his award money to create a scholarship at UNCP. ■

In Memoriam



The Rev. Welton Lowry died Friday, March 12, 2004 at his home on Deese Road in Pembroke, N.C. He was 91.

The Rev.

Lowry grew up on land that would eventually become UNCP. In 1923, he witnessed the construction of Old Main, the oldest building on campus.

A teacher and principal in Robeson and Bladen counties, the Rev. Lowry ministered at several area churches for 69 years.

The Rev. Lowry was a Chancellor's Club member and a past president of the UNCP Alumni Association, winning its Distinguished Service Award in 1983. In 2003, his gift established "The Ministry Through Education Endowed Scholarship" at UNCP for undergraduate students majoring in religion or in education with a concentration in religion. ■

Juandalynn Jacinta Jones-Hunt '92, '95, '96 achieves National Board Certification

On January 1, 2004, Jones-Hunt became curriculum specialist for the Division of Continual Learning at UNC Greensboro.

She taught visual arts at Ferndale Middle School in High Point, N.C., and was a middle school art teacher for nine years. She holds a B.A. in studio art, a B.S. in art education and an M.A. in English education. She has recently applied for the Ph.D. program in the Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Development: Cultural Studies Program at UNC Greensboro.

Founded 15 years ago, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental

organization dedicated to advancing the quality of teaching and learning. National Board Certification is a symbol of teaching excellence. A voluntary process established by the NBPTS, it is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that takes nearly a year to complete. Through this process, teachers document their mastery of the subject matter they teach, provide evidence that they know how to teach effectively and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning.

In 2002, Jones-Hunt was named Most Outstanding Young Educator of High Point Schools by the High Point Jaycees and honored with United Way's Communities in Schools' J. William

McGuinn Award for her service to students. She was selected to attend the N.C. Teacher Academy at Elon University in 2002. In 2003, she was presented with an award for her service as "team mom" for Guilford County's PeeWee Football champions, where her son played. Jones-Hunt has been selected by the North Carolina Center for Advancement in Teaching to attend a traveling educational seminar this spring, and the North Carolina Council for Exceptional Children has contacted her about presenting a curriculum that she and a graduate student developed last year at their February 2004 conference in Wilmington. ■

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1930s

Rev. Welton Lowry '33 died March 12, 2004 at his home in Pembroke, N.C. See the related story on page 15.

1950s

Marvin Lowry '54 passed away Feb. 16, 2004. He was a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Lowry was also a World War II and Korean War veteran and prisoner of war.

1960s



Robert Smith '63 retired after 31 years as an analytical chemist, primarily with the State of Virginia's laboratories.

William Donahoe '67 is employed with the State of Connecticut as a supervisor for the Department of Consumer Protection in Hartford, Conn.

1970s

Fred H. Chance '70 is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel. He has taught with Kanawha County Schools since 1995 and currently teaches Air Force JROTC at South Charleston High School in Charleston, W.Va.

Don Steele '70 is director of driver education at Parkland High School in Allentown, Pa.

Gary Long '71 is a regional coordinator with Cargill Inc. in Fayetteville, N.C.

Sharlie Dyle '72 works for Raleigh Paving as office administrator.

Diane N. Morris '72 is employed with Florence-Darlington Technical College as an adjunct professor. She has been married for 29 years to William G. Morris.

Amelia Rhodes '72 retired in June 2003 from the Savannah-Chatham School System in Georgia with 31 years of service. Amelia and her husband, Paul, reside in Salisbury, N.C., and she is now principal of Landis Elementary School. Paul also works for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools.

Kathryn Person '73 retired from the North Carolina Department of Correction in May 2002 after 28 years of service. She has three grandchildren: Davis, two; Ashley, 10 months; and Joshua, six months.

Ashford Matthews '75 has retired as a parole officer and is now a commissioned artist. He records and performs country music.

Fred Fox '76, owner of radio station WLNC received the Dunbar-McCoy Quality of Life Award, which is awarded to individuals who contribute to the quality of life in their community. Fox is described as being a personality himself, but even more as the personality of his community. Fox and his wife, Sherri, reside in Laurinburg, N.C.

James Ernest Goins '76 was sworn in as the second Lumbee Tribal chairman Jan. 15, 2004 for a three-year term. Goins previously served as a tribal councilman prior to his election.

Charley C. Bryant III '77 of Dawsonville, Ga., is a medical practice administrator for Pediatric Endocrine Associates, P.C.

Detrace Dewaine Mercer '77 died March 16, 2004. Mercer worked for 20 years as a guidance counselor in Robeson County schools, most recently at Parkton Middle School.

Ralph "Rick" Reeves Jr. '77 was presented a 2004 Radio Shack National Teacher Award. Reeves is among 110 educators who received a \$3,000 award for demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence in mathematics, science or technology. Reeves is employed with DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Md., as a science teacher. He has taught for 27 years.

1980s

James C. Blasingame Jr. '80 is chief of the Plans and Programming Division at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va.

Peggy C. Owens '80 is employed with Mid-Kentucky Presbytery as associate general presbyter for education and mission in Louisville, Ky.

Genia L. Hester '81 and **Graham W. Hester '78** are the proud parents of **Stephen Wayne Hester '03**. Stephen is employed by the Emergency Services Department of Bladen County as an intermediate-level emergency medical technician.

Jennifer J. Lambert '81 won the Administrative Support Award for the Garner Branch of the Central Division of Waste Industries Inc., where she is billing administrator.

Ervin Locklear '82 is an administrator for the Defense Institute for Medical Operations in San Antonio.

Franklin Maner Tyson '82 is pastor of Waterbury Baptist Ministries in Waterbury, Conn.

Allen J. Jamerson '83, '86, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, is assigned to the National Reconnaissance Office in Washington, D.C., as deputy director of security.

Shella Y. Stephens '83 is an assistant administrator with the U.S. Department of Justice in Fredericksburg, Va.



Michele Hughes Barrows '84 gave birth to a girl, Ramsey Grace Barrows, on Jan. 11, 2003.

J. Evan Davenport '86 is quality assurance manager at Unilever HPC in Raeford, N.C.

Thomas J. Cluchey Jr. '87 works with Branch Banking & Trust in Woodbridge, Va., as a business services officer.

Robin Colvin '87, '98 has been employed with the St. Pauls, N.C., Police Department for 14 years. Robin has one daughter, Rosalynd, who is 13.

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1980s continued

Samuel Jacobs Jr. '87 is employed at Sampson-Livermore Library at UNCP as a library technical assistant.

Ronald P. Rundus '88 completed studies in April to receive a Web development certificate from North Seattle Community College. He has also received his master of communication in digital media degree at the University of Washington. Ron, a Seattle, Wash., resident, serves as webmaster for the Northwest Ecosystem Alliance.

Michael Stawowczyk '89 was promoted to a sales manager position. He works with Business Records Management, the largest information management company in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1990s

Russell K. Cranson '90 was one of 16 employees to be selected for the Atlanta Regional Management Development Program of the Social Security Administration. During the one-year program, he participated in four details: district manager, hearing office director, project manager and team leader.

Jason Jacobs '90 is employed with NASA at Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., as a technical information specialist.

Eric H. Locklear '90 is a member of the North Carolina National Guard and has been promoted to the rank of major. He is on active duty with Operation Iraqi Freedom and is married to **Jennifer B. Locklear '90**. The couple resides in Roxboro, N.C.

Pamela Locklear '90 and Donald R. Bartley were married in 2003. Their son, William Christian, was born Oct. 29, 2003. Pamela is employed by the Robeson County Department of Social Services as a social worker.

Karen Revels Oxendine '90 was promoted to youth development specialist with the Public Schools of Robeson County and is based at the Indian Education Center in Pembroke, N.C. She is married to Keith Oxendine, and the couple has three children, Emily, Justin and MaKenzie.

Valerie Marie Deese '91 is employed as a recruiter/educational adviser in UNCP's Office of Admissions.

Vonda Graham '91 and James Graham announced the arrival of their daughter, Mariah Grace, on March 12, 2004. Mariah weighed 8 pounds. The family resides in Rowland, N.C.

Melanie Strickland Hunt '91 is employed by Richmond Community College as a basic skills coordinator in Scotland County and is pursuing her master of public administration degree at UNCP. She is married to Edgar Hunt, and the couple has two children, Catera and Kayla. The family resides in Pembroke, N.C.

William Skip Lovette '91 is a certified public accountant and works in Greensboro, N.C.

Rodney Howard '92 is a state highway patrolman in Florida.

Charlotte C. Johnson '92 is regional executive director of the Alzheimer's Association in Harrisburg, Pa. She is married to Christopher Johnson, and the couple has one son, Ryan.

Juandalynn Jacinta Jones-Hunt '92, '95, '96. See "Alumni Spotlight" on page 15.

David Malcolm '92 has been selected to serve as a page at the United Methodist Church's 2004 General Conference session in Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. Malcolm is a probationary elder, who serves as associate pastor at Camp Ground Methodist Church in the Fayetteville District of the North Carolina Annual Conference. Rev. Malcolm and his wife, **Beth '92**, are the parents of four children, Rachel, Rebecca, Hannah and Jonathan.

Johanna Cummings Moore '92 is employed with Advantage Hospice and Home Care in Lumberton as a medical social worker. She has been married to Luther Moore for 24 years.

Charlton E. Pearson '92 and wife, Antoinette, announced the birth of twin daughters, Yanthe and Zari, on Sept. 12, 2002. The family resides in Franklinton, N.C.

David Simmons '92 and Malikah Kathleen El-Amin, both of Fayetteville, N.C., announced their marriage. He is employed with the Cumberland County Schools.

Tracie Taylor '92 is head women's basketball coach at 71st High School in Fayetteville, N.C. Her team won back-to-back 4A North Carolina State Championships in 2003 and 2004.

Kellie Foley Aldridge '93 is a teacher/coach with the Cumberland County Schools. She is married to **Vernon Aldridge '93**.

Sarah S. Bruton '94 is employed at Fayetteville Technical Community College as an English instructor.

Brenda W. Gerald '94 and Robert C. Gerald are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth child, Jakob Quentin Gerald, on Nov. 22, 2003. He joins siblings Brandon Lee, Robert Collin and Bella Grace. Brenda is employed at PDI Inc. as a pharmaceutical sales representative in Lumberton, N.C.

Donna Delores Chavis Hunt '94 completed her teacher certification with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She is certified in middle grades education.

Tammy Locklear '94 and Alan Locklear are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Charles Issac Alan Locklear, on Feb. 28, 2004. Charles weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz. The family resides in Maxton, N.C.

Curtis Moss '94 is employed at East Bladen High School as head basketball coach. He coached his team to the 2A North Carolina State Championship during his second year as coach.

Joy J. Rector '95 and Christopher Rector were married Dec. 6, 2003. They have two children, Tucker McKenzie and Jessica Bailey. The family resides in Chadbourne, N.C. Joy was selected as Edgewood Elementary School Teacher of the Year for the 2002-2003 school year and represented Whiteville City Schools as its Teacher of the Year candidate. She is the math/science/social studies teacher for academically gifted fourth-grade students and has been employed with Edgewood Elementary for nine years.

Cynthia Redfearn '95 has accepted the position of associate director of Residence Life at UNCP. Cynthia's duties include supervising five full-time, live-in residence administrators, developing ongoing training for current resident advisers, managing the selection and training process for new resident advisers, and assuring living and learning programs are scheduled in student housing facilities. She earned her master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Kevin Roy '95 is working for Halliburton Inc., a subsidiary of Kellogg, Brown and Root in Tikrit, Iraq. He will be in Iraq for at least one year.

Willie D. Christian '96 is access and visitation coordinator at the Administrative Office of the Courts at the Cumberland County Courthouse. He is also a specialist in the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort Bragg, N.C.



Michael Shawn Dees '96 and Lori Dees announced the birth of their son, Justice Michael Dees, on Aug. 3, 2003. Shawn has been employed for eight years with Torrence Reprographics as director of sales. The family resides in Charlotte, N.C.

John F. McMillan '96 of Red Springs, N.C., accepted the position of UNCP's director of New Student and Family Orientation, which began Dec. 15, 2003. John served in the Office of Admissions for approximately five years as an admissions counselor and as associate director.

Audrey Yow '96 achieved National Board Certification in early and middle childhood art in November 2003. She is employed with Surry County Schools in North Carolina as an art teacher at Shoals Elementary School and Westfield Elementary School.

Thad Davis '97 is owner and operator of Primary Health Choice in Lumberton.

Alicia G. Thomas '97 and Alvin Thomas III welcomed the birth of their daughter, Ella Ivy Thomas, on July 2, 2003. The family resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

Danielle Carden '98 is employed as a lab assistant in Specimen Accessioning at Lab Corp in Burlington, N.C. She is pursuing her B.S. degree in forensic biology at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C.

Trent Kevin Crawford '98 is employed with the Department of the Army as a biologist in Fayetteville, N.C.

Chad Griffin '98 and **Sherry Severs '99** were married June 7, 2002, in Ormond Beach, Fla. Both Chad and Sherry coach and teach at Calvary Day School. Sherry is head coach of girls' softball, and Chad is head coach of girls' and boys' soccer. The couple resides in Savannah, Ga.

RJ Perry '98 works at Premiere Sports Travel in Raleigh, N.C., as a Web developer/graphics manager.

Mandi B. Walters '98 and Bryan Stensvad plan to marry in October 2004 in Pawleys Island, S.C. Mandi is employed with Metropolitan Research Associates as a vice president.

Deidra Brown '99 is engaged and plans to move to Buffalo, N.Y.

Chauntel Campbell '99 is an administrative assistant with UNCP.

Stacey Elaine Honeycutt Davis '99 and **Brian Timothy Davis '99** were married May 22, 1999. The couple has two children: Leah Faye Davis, born Dec. 8, 2003, and Josiah Wayne Davis, born July 6, 2002. The family resides in Richmond, Va.

Frank G. Fleming Jr. '99 is co-president of Chestnut Tax Services in Charlotte, N.C.

Audra B. Harris '99, '02 and Jason Harris announced the birth of their daughter, Morgan Olivia Harris, on Oct. 3, 2002. Audra became a full-time business and office systems instructor at Robeson Community College in the fall of 2003.

Heather M. Johnson '99 is employed with Advantage CDC as an administrative assistant/associate director.

Wendy Lowery Jones '99 has been hired as an executive director of corporate relations for the American Heart Association. She will oversee all relations within the Sandhills region.

Jen Carmel Metzger '99 announces the birth of her son, James Dennis, on Dec. 11, 2003. James weighed nine pounds, six ounces and was 21 inches long. The family resides in Northwood, Ohio.

Michelle C. Sermon '99 and R. Lamonté Sermon were married Oct. 18, 2003, in Charlotte, N.C. Michelle graduated in May 2004 from Howard University's graduate school in Washington, D.C., with a master of science degree in genetics. She is employed by the District of Columbia Department of Health as a program specialist in genetics.

Michelle M. Vance '99 and Michael Vance announced the birth of their son, Carter Edward, on Dec. 11, 2003. Their first son, Zachary Michael, was born Dec. 28, 2001. The family resides in Marietta, Ga.

2000s

Ellen Hunt Bullard '00 is a youth development specialist for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Gina G. Howard '00 and Richard Howard were married June 21, 2003. Gina works for the Cumberland County Partnership for Children in Fayetteville, N.C., as a quality improvement specialist.

Kelvin Hunt '00 is employed as an admissions counselor with UNCP.

Kristen Elk Locklear '00 works at the Lumber River Council of Governments in Lumberton, N.C., as aging program coordinator.

Emily Autumn Love '00 and **Randall Channing Jones '00** were married April 17. Emily is the daughter of **Warren Love '69**, Media Center director at UNCP. She graduated with her M.S. degree in instructional technology from East Carolina University and is employed at ECU as global classroom video producer. Channing is the son of **Randall '72** and **Diane Jones '71**, vice chancellor for UNCP's Office of Student Affairs.

Hilca Rosario-Casado '00 and **Alexander Neal Lewis '02** were married Feb. 14, 2003 in Fayetteville, N.C. The bride is a former Miss UNCP and works for Sunny Side Elementary School. The groom works for Southeastern Regional Medical Center and is the son of **Henry Lewis '73**, a former member of the UNCP Board of Trustees.

Tabitha Stooksbury '00 married Christopher Daniel Kidd on May 22, 2004. She lives in Fayetteville, N.C., and works with *The Fayetteville Observer* in advertising.

Shane Michael Brown '01 is employed with the Methodist Home for Children as a resident counselor in Wilmington, N.C.

Latasha Leoard '01 is a child care worker at the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Lisa Oxendine Lesane '01 and **Zaide Lesane '01** were married March 13, 2004, at Revival Deliverance Center in Lumberton, N.C. The bride is a resident counselor for the Methodist Home for Children, and the groom is employed at Palmer Prevention of Lumberton.

Alycia Locklear '01 and **Ryan Revels '99** were married Nov. 16, 2002. Alycia teaches in the Public Schools of Robeson County, and Ryan is human resource and benefits manager with Robeson Health Care Corporation.

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UNCP alumni serve our country

Dean Davis '85 is Battalion S4 (logistics officer) for 1st Battalion, 252nd Armor.

James Caras is a first sergeant for Combat Support Troop, 1st Battalion, 252nd Armor.



2000s continued

Renata Cobb Dean '02 and **Timothy Dean '02** were married May 25, 2002. Timothy is employed with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department in Olathe, Kan.

Dorothy Loeffler '02 and **Daniel Loeffler** have married. Daniel, an infantryman in the U.S. Army, is serving in Iraq. Dorothy is a teacher with the Cumberland County Schools.

Christie Lewis Maring '02 and **Bobby Maring** announced the birth of their daughter, **Avery Mason**, on March 14, 2003. The couple also has a son, **Robert Matthew**, born April 14, 2001. The family resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Jamie Parker '02 and **William Talton** are engaged to be married Aug. 7, 2004. Parker is enrolled in Robeson Community College's nursing program and is employed at Total Elite Fitness as a health fitness technician.

Helen Angeline Yates '02 works at Advantage Hospice and Home Care as a medical social worker.

Sara M. Arinello '03 and **R. Stephen Johnson Jr. '00, '03** are engaged to be married. The wedding ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 7, 2004. Sara is a teacher with the Hoke County Schools, and Stephen is a teacher with Cumberland County Schools. He also serves as a deputy sheriff sergeant on the reserve platoon.

Carlton Gainey '03 is attending the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.

Michelle Locklear McCallum '03 and **David McCallum** were married Jan. 9, 2004, in Pembroke, N.C.

Brian Yong '03 has a graduate fellowship at the University of Central Florida. He is married to **Jill Wilson '03**.

Lakola Hunt Cook '04 and **Tommy Cook Jr.** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **Lakayla Korrine Cook**, on April 3, 2003. Lakola works with the Public Schools of Robeson County as a math teacher.

Alumni Travel Planning Calendar

Welcome alumni, friends and families. Join the UNCP Alumni Travel Program for an exciting tour to the following destinations.



Current Travel

- Western Canada Highlights
- Belize and Tikal — Summer 2004
- English Countryside Stay
- New England and Vermont in the Fall
- New York
- Niagara Falls/Ontario
- Alpine Christmas

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What's New?

Alumni may submit new information about retirements, births, marriages and job changes by completing this form. Mail your information to Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372. The deadline for the next issue is July 15, 2004.

Last name _____ First _____

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Position _____ Retired _____

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Company name _____

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Marriage _____ Include in Alumni Notes? Yes No

Month/Day/Year _____

Spouse's full name _____ Class year (if UNCP alumnus) _____

Birth/Adoption _____ Include in Alumni Notes? Yes No

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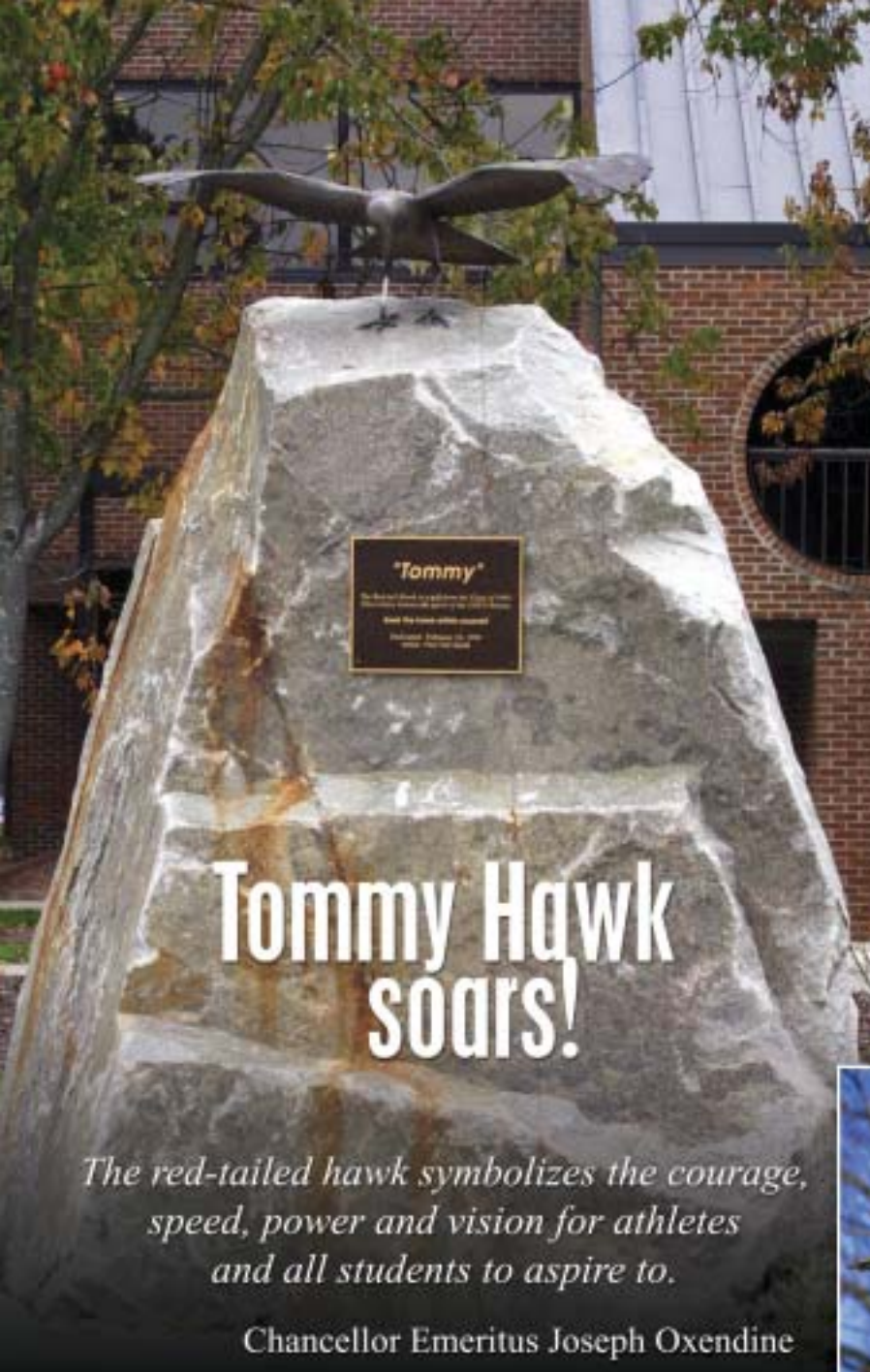
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"Tommy"
The hawk that stood on top of the Class of 1999
Building was a gift from the Class of 1999.
And the hawk statue is a gift from the
Class of 1999. It is a gift from the
Class of 1999.

Tommy Hawk soars!

*The red-tailed hawk symbolizes the courage,
speed, power and vision for athletes
and all students to aspire to.*

Chancellor Emeritus Joseph Oxendine

The Tommy Statue was in place for just four days when its legend took hold at UNCP. Senior basketball player Chavis Rachel was photographed by a passing *Fayetteville Observer* photographer climbing the rock to touch the hawk for luck before the Homecoming game on Feb. 13, 1999. With the Braves down by two points, Rachel made a desperation three-point attempt that -- perhaps guided by an unseen hand -- found nothing but net to win the game. Rachel's visit with the hawk was not revealed until the following Thursday when the photograph was published by the newspaper.

The life-size bronze statue of the University's mascot, a gift from the Class of 1999, is located in front of the James B. Chavis University Center.

The bronze statue is 22-inches tall with a 57-inch wingspan and weighs 150 pounds. It sits on a pedestal of raw granite, weighing close to 16 tons and stands over nine-feet tall.

Art Department Professor Paul Van Zandt completed the project in 16 weeks. It was crafted after close observations of a red-tailed hawk, which is indigenous to Robeson County.

Rub the rock for good luck!



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