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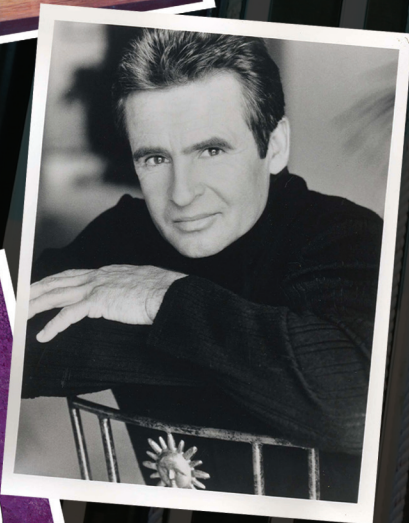
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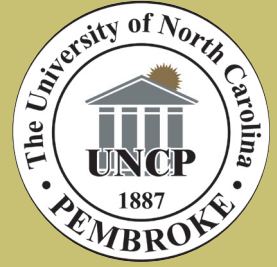
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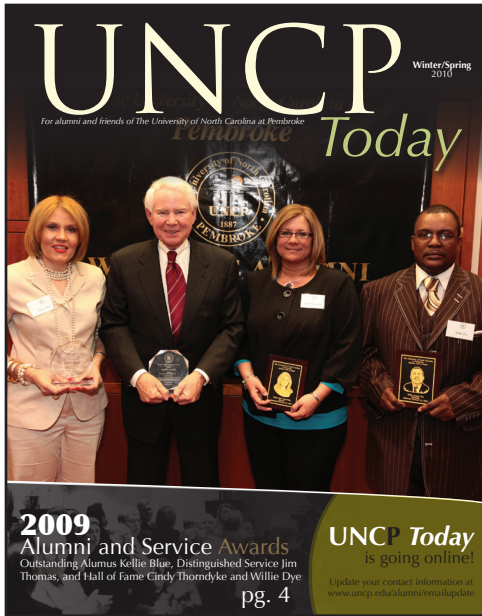
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As our region and nation shake off the worst of the recession, I am heartened by the spirit, adaptability and teamwork of our faculty and staff in the face of challenges. Like the old saying: "When the going gets tough..."

Sadly, employment, tax revenues and education funding will be the last pieces of the economy to rebound. I remain confident in the people associated with our University.

Our faculty continues to excel in the classroom and in their scholarship. UNCP scientists—with student researchers—are investigating some of the most interesting and timely issues of our time, such as biofuels, Alzheimer's disease, atmospheric carbon dioxide, soil fertility, endangered species and more.

This issue of *UNCP Today* contains reports on two new books including one from Dr. David Nikkel, who chairs our Philosophy and Religion Department. His book, "Radical Embodiment," contains fresh

ideas and remarkable scholarship.

Dr. Lydia Gan had a bit of good fortune when a co-author of her textbook, "Principles of Economics," was sworn in as chair of the Federal Reserve. Ironically, Dr. Bernanke grew up near Pembroke in Dillon, S.C., and Dr. Gan is from half a world away. From what I have learned, it should be a successful enterprise with future printings planned.

UNC Pembroke continues to reach out to our surrounding population in healthcare and education. We are surveying the diverse abilities of our faculty, staff and the wider healthcare community for a major initiative.

An evolving first-class campus continues with construction on the planned addition of a new residence hall and the 87,000 square foot Nursing/Health Professions Facility. This Health Professions building will be the most expensive building project in University history. The facility will give a boost to our nursing program and a home for future health-related programs.

In athletics, it is noteworthy that all of our teams are increasingly competitive.

Congratulations to our football team, coaches and fans for earning an NCAA tournament invitation! We set a record as the fastest program ever to win a bid with only three years of competition behind us.

We will sorely miss long-time soccer coach Mike Schaeffer, who will retire at the end of this academic year. Mike has consistently guided strong teams and nurtured student-athletes in the true spirit of sport.

Our alumni have never been more active at their alma mater and never more important to us. One alumna who I visited during Homecoming 2009 was Dr. Donna Peters, who is superintendent of Montgomery County Schools. Late last year, she was honored as the state's Superintendent of the Year. Congratulations Donna!

Congratulations also go to our Alumni Award winners Jim Thomas, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, and Kellie Blue, Outstanding Alumnus. They are true examples of outstanding individuals and great friends to our University.

Congratulations also to Gina Marie Gibson '03, winner of the first Young Alumnus Award, and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees softball player Cindy Allen Thorndyke '92 and wrestler Willie Dye '82. They remind us of the best qualities of the scholar-athlete ideal.

I look forward to visiting with all of our alumni in the near future. Great opportunities include GPAC, athletic, library and music events. Come see us!

Sincerely,

Charles R. Jenkins
Chancellor



UNCP graduates 537 on December 12

At Winter Commencement 2009, the University awarded diplomas to 537 graduates.

UNCP's 11th Winter Commencement on December 12 was presided over by Chancellor Jenkins, who has served the University in several capacities since 1971.

Chancellor Jenkins reminded an audience of approximately 4,000 in the English E. Jones Athletic Center that there are 537 "great stories to tell."

"I know many of them, and they are fantastic stories," Chancellor Jenkins said. "Many have overcome the greatest barriers to be here today."

Keynote speaker was Dr. Susan Cannata, a literature professor and winner of the 2009 UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence. She encouraged the graduates to tell their stories.

"How can you transform the world?" Dr. Cannata asked. "I recommend listening to stories and telling some of your own.

"I have heard your stories...your trials and tribulations," Dr. Cannata said. "Take away from UNCP your experience in the form of stories."

Dr. Cannata said there is an innate desire to hear stories and to tell them.

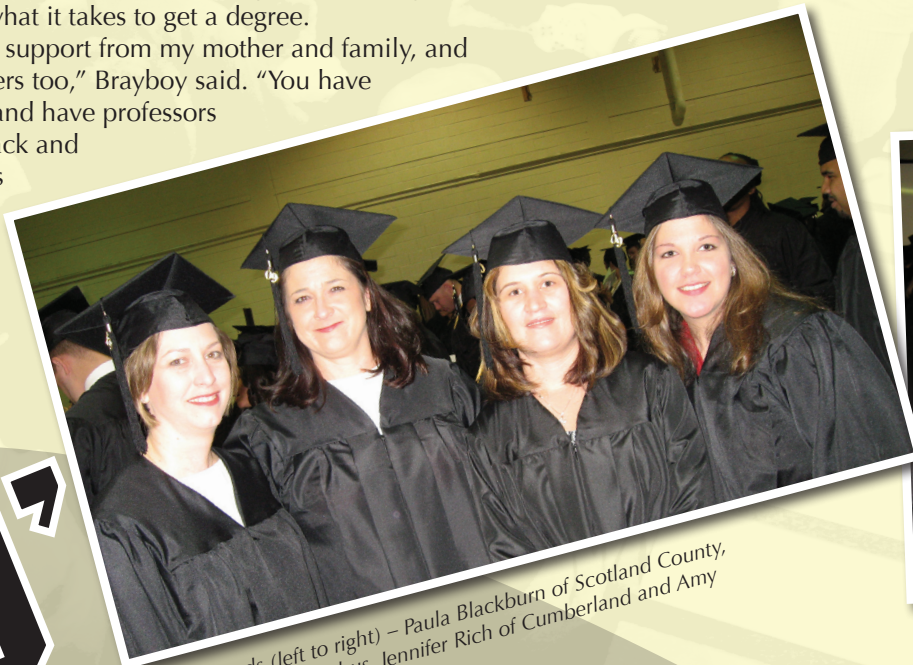
"If you don't think you have anything interesting to say, you are sorely mistaken," she concluded. "Think of today as the first page in your next story and make it a good one."

MORE STORIES

UNCP's graduates are as diverse as their stories, and they followed different paths and overcame many obstacles. They were proud of their accomplishment and grateful to many people.

It took Isabelle Brayboy five-and-a-half years to earn a social work degree. She married and had a baby as an undergraduate and reflected on what it takes to get a degree.

"It took a lot of support from my mother and family, and the support of others too," Brayboy said. "You have to stay organized and have professors like Georgiana Mack and Frederick Stephens who really helped."



Nursing grads (left to right) – Paula Blackburn of Scotland County, Beverly Hill of Columbus, Jennifer Rich of Cumberland and Amy Locklear of Robeson

Beverly Hill, who earned a nursing degree, offered a unique perspective as a mother of two, including a college graduate and a college student.

"It's taken me 25 years to get here," Hill said. "Working full time was hard, but I want more options in my career.

"Parents must be supportive because this is a different generation; they think differently," she said.

Georgia Ivie is a grandparent and earned a Master's degree in art education; her second at UNCP. She overcame health and other issues to be the oldest graduate Saturday at 71.

"A staff member at UNCP challenged me by asking 'what have you got to lose?'" Ivie said. "I love art, and it was a challenge at my age."

Today, she is teaching art to visually impaired students.

Tim Bennett earned his music education degree at age 32 and said determination and the support of faculty were important.

"This is a tough program," Bennett said. "I had great professors who gave me useful advice."

Sunni Fagan, who also earned a music education degree, said personal discipline is important.

"It took me six years because I switched majors," Fagan said. "If you don't have a good work ethic and manage your time, it's a problem."

Marajo White, who worked a part-time job at UNCP's Bookstore, thanked her family and the faculty and staff of the University. She double majored in biology and chemistry.

"You have to be dedicated, and you have to have a family to back you up," White said. "I wanted to do something great, and my family is proud of me." ■



Georgia Ivie graduated at age 71.

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ALUMNI & SERVICE



"I believe we're going to see more great things happening here."

- Kellie Blue

Jim Thomas received the Distinguished Service Award and Kellie Blue '93 the Outstanding Alumnus Award at the 41st annual Alumni Awards Banquet on February 26.

Softball player Cindy Thorndyke '92 and wrestler Willie Dye '82 were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Gina Gibson '03, an art professor at Black Hills State University, was named the first-ever Young Alumnus of the Year.

Chancellor Charles Jenkins set the tone for the evening in his welcoming remarks.

"This is a celebration of five outstanding individuals, who have been successful in their family lives, professional careers and in leadership of their communities," Chancellor Jenkins said. "This is a night to celebrate our University and the contributions these individuals have made to it.

"Over my nearly 40 years here, I recognized that this is a family, and this event is a family celebration," he said.

Keeping with the family theme, Jim Thomas thanked his uncle, Samuel Locklear, for introducing him. Locklear is owner of Locklear and Son Funeral Home in Pembroke.

"This is a very special award for me," said Thomas, who is CEO of a successful commercial real estate company in Los Angeles, Calif. "It is very special to me that my parents graduated from this institution."

Thomas has established a scholarship to honor his parents and established the Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship and the Thomas Family Distinguished Professorship in Entrepreneurship.

"The Thomas Center is something that is very fulfilling to me," Thomas said. "When the opportunity was presented to me to establish an entrepreneurship program through the University, I seized it."

The center has created several academic programs in entrepreneurship and a program to assist new and start-up businesses. Thomas is optimistic that the programs will have an impact.

"The odds are greatly in favor of us achieving our goals," he said. "There is no telling what I could have accomplished if I had this kind of training."

Kellie Blue, another great friend of the University, is a past director of the UNCP Foundation. She thanked Larry Chavis '71, her cousin and CEO of Lumbee Guaranty Bank, for introducing her.

Blue, who was the first recipient of the Earl A. and Ophelia Thomas Scholarship, said the scholarship helped convince her to attend UNCP.

"It's truly a great honor to meet Mr. Thomas for the first time," Blue said. "Thank you!"

Blue is the finance director for Robeson County and a member of the University's Chancellor Search Committee.

"As a member of the Search Committee, I can tell you that we are dedicated to finding a chancellor who will take us to the next level," Blue said. "I believe we're going to see more great things happening here."

Gina Gibson, a digital artist who served on UNCP's faculty for two years, accepted her award live via Internet. She thanked a University family that nurtured her abilities.

"I decided to enroll at UNCP after meeting Dr. John Labadie," Gibson said. "I was surprised at how much faith my professors had in my work."

"I want to influence young people the way my professors influenced me," she continued. "I learned from an amazing group of people how to be a caring and helpful teacher."

Cindy Thorndyke was not only an outstanding softball player, Athletic Director Dan Kenney said in his introduction.

"She was a piper here, and she still is," Kenney said. "When we switched to fast pitch and did not have a pitcher, Cindy stepped up."

Starting her career in the field, Thorndyke became UNCP's first pitcher of the fast-pitch era. She remains a UNCP leader for winning percentage in a season (.762), career earned run average (0.28) and still holds the single-season record for runs batted in (44).

"This is an awesome honor," Thorndyke said. "Growing up, it was school, church and playing ball," she said. "It was a family affair, and I've always wanted to make my parents proud."

"I'd like to thank UNCP for two things: first, the opportunity to play ball, and second and most importantly, the opportunity to meet my husband."

"I'm proud to be a member of UNCP's Hall of Fame, but it would not be possible without friends and family," Thorndyke said.

Former UNCP wrestling coach and fellow Hall of Famer Mike Olsen introduced Willie Dye, a man he said is "like a son."



"I want to influence young people the way my professors influenced me,"
- Gina Gibson

"First, Willie is a gentleman," Olsen said. "He came to our house to eat Sunday dinners, and he has a great family of his own.

"Second, he was a great wrestler," he continued. "I remember one of the few times he got down 10-1 in a match.

"I just told him he was the better wrestler, escape and pin him," Olsen said. "He did."

Dye was 126-5 in his career at UNCP and was a two-time all-American.

"I'd like to thank God, my wife (who he met at UNCP), my family and Pembroke's faculty who showed me a lot of love," Dye said. "There weren't too many Black kids at Pembroke when I got here, but it wasn't about the color of your skin here; they respected everyone."

Alumni Director James Bass coordinated the event and Alumni President Floyd Locklear introduced each award.

For more information about alumni programs, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (910) 521-6533 or email alumni@uncp.edu. ■

Below: Hall of Famer Willie Dye '82 with family.



Chancellor Jenkins speaking to the recipients.

UNCP hosts UNC-TV interactive town hall meeting



NC Rising Panel – From left: Steve Yost, Dr. Freda Porter, Archie Hart, Dr. Larry Keen, Chancellor Charles Jenkins and UNC-TV's Shannon Vickery

UNC-TV came to the University on October 13 to tape the first of a series of town hall meetings on economic development in North Carolina's rural communities.

"NC Rising" was taped live in the University Center Annex and gave a behind-the-scenes look at a major public television production.

There were five cameras and a crew of approximately 20 that arrived eight hours before show time. "NC Rising" took questions beforehand via the Internet and on the floor. The audience responded to survey questions using remote-control devices.

The show, which evolved from host Shannon Vickery's "North Carolina Now" program, was aired 24 hours later on October 14. The panel consisted of:

- UNCP Chancellor Jenkins,
- UNCP Board of Trustees Chairwoman and Porter Scientific CEO Dr. Freda Porter,
- Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) President Larry Keen,
- Steve Yost, an economic developer from NC Southeast, and
- Archie Hart, representing the North Carolina Agricultural Commissioner.

Vickery said rural North Carolina has lost manufacturing jobs and suffers from poverty, dropouts and outmigration of population. The panel all said it is a new day and a new mindset is needed.

"We face a competitive global marketplace with many opportunities and challenges," Yost said. "Other countries are catching up to us in manufacturing and other areas."

Dr. Porter said the recent economic downturn has added to business challenges.

"Business models breakdown in this economy," Dr. Porter said. "We must think beyond our normal operating schemes to make things work."

The farm economy, without tobacco as its cash crop, is changing too.

"Our farmers are developing direct markets for North Carolina's farmers to feed North Carolinians," Hart said.

Educators are feeling the challenge and responding to it, said FTCC's president.

"The days of industry following cheap labor here are over," Keen said. "Now it's time to train our workforce appropriately."

"We need to change our focus," Chancellor Jenkins said. "For too long we have focused on schools, and now it is time to focus on parents."

Chancellor Jenkins said far too many students are dropping out. He said rural North Carolinians must be more entrepreneurial, and their universities have a role to play.

"We have a responsibility to lead," Dr. Jenkins said. "However, our greatest impact is being the most outstanding university that we can be."

Chancellor Jenkins said UNCP is building community service into its faculty evaluation model. Others said working cooperatively is critical to success.

"The most innovative way to achieve success is through collaboration," Yost said.

Dr. Porter offered the example of COMtech, the business incubator in Pembroke, as a model of successful collaboration.

"COMtech is an incredible success story that would not have been possible without the collaboration of education, business and local, state and federal government," she said. "There are 1,200 jobs out there to attest to that."

When asked by Vickery what viewers should "take away" from the town hall meeting, Chancellor Jenkins said "a more positive attitude."

"The past 10 years at this University show that we can be successful," Dr. Jenkins said. "If we don't believe there is a future here, there won't be one."

Keen agreed. "The future of Southeastern North Carolina dictates a change in our outlook. We must have higher expectations with a sense of urgency." ■

Computer science students created 'apps' for UNCP

UNC Pembroke: There's an app for that!

Thanks to an advanced programming class and Dr. Charles Lillie, UNCP has several useful software applications that can be used with Apple's popular iPhones or iPod Touch devices.

When Apple opened its popular iPhone and iPod platform to programmers, Dr. Lillie saw an educational opportunity. His Advanced Software class began writing apps for UNCP last fall.

"When the students found out about it, they were very excited," Dr. Lillie said. "This class has become very popular."

To launch the project, Dr. Lillie applied for a grant through UNCP's Division of Information Technology (DoIT), which has business links to Apple. He got free iPod Touch devices, which are pocket computers.

Then, the 11-member class organized a team and dove in. Like the corporate model, the team consisted of a project leader, chief software engineer, applications developers, testers and documentation specialists.

Many obstacles stood in the way. Chief among them was breaching the PC vs. Apple divide.

Once underway, language barriers dropped and problems met solutions. It was a classroom full of high achievers, Dr. Lillie said.

"Some of our students are already Apple users, and some are just good programmers," he said.

Chris Moore falls into the second category. He served as the chief software engineer and was responsible for the overall technical aspects of the project.

Moore designed and developed the framework used by all the applications to work as one unit.

"The hardest thing was learning the new language," Moore said. "It's a whole new environment, and we had to learn to program all over again."

William Mock agreed that the learning curve was steep. He led the research and development department that guided the team toward its mission.

"When developing software for any platform, you have to adapt on the run," Mock said. "Writing software is building something to benefit someone."

With that idea in mind, the team focused on writing applications that could help UNCP students and administrators. They programmed a University-wide telephone directory, events calendar, campus map, academic calendar, catalog and more.

"They also put up the Brave Cam," Dr. Lillie said, referring to the two live cameras aimed at the Arts Quad and the University Center Mall.

"We've linked to a live feed that fits on an iPhone," Moore said.

Angelica Johnson worked on the campus directory.

"It was hard work," Johnson said. "Fortunately, I didn't have to type in 6,000 students and 900 faculty and staff, but it was



Seated from left are: Carlos Townsend, Elizabeth Monroe and Angelica Johnson. Standing from left: Dr. Lillie, Quan Cohen, Chris Moore, Cassie Manis, Antenh Kibret, Ashlee Jacobs, Michael Jurgensen and William Mock. Not pictured is John Davis.

very difficult to transfer the information from the source to the application."

When installed on an iPhone, one touch will dial any telephone on campus.

The team members were all seniors, and many of them are older, non-traditional students. They have eyes on careers in information technology.

Moore said he enjoys "writing code." Mock would go into networking. Antenh Kibret wants to go into Web site development.

Elizabeth Monroe and Quan Cohen are working as IT interns at the large Campbell Soup plant nearby.

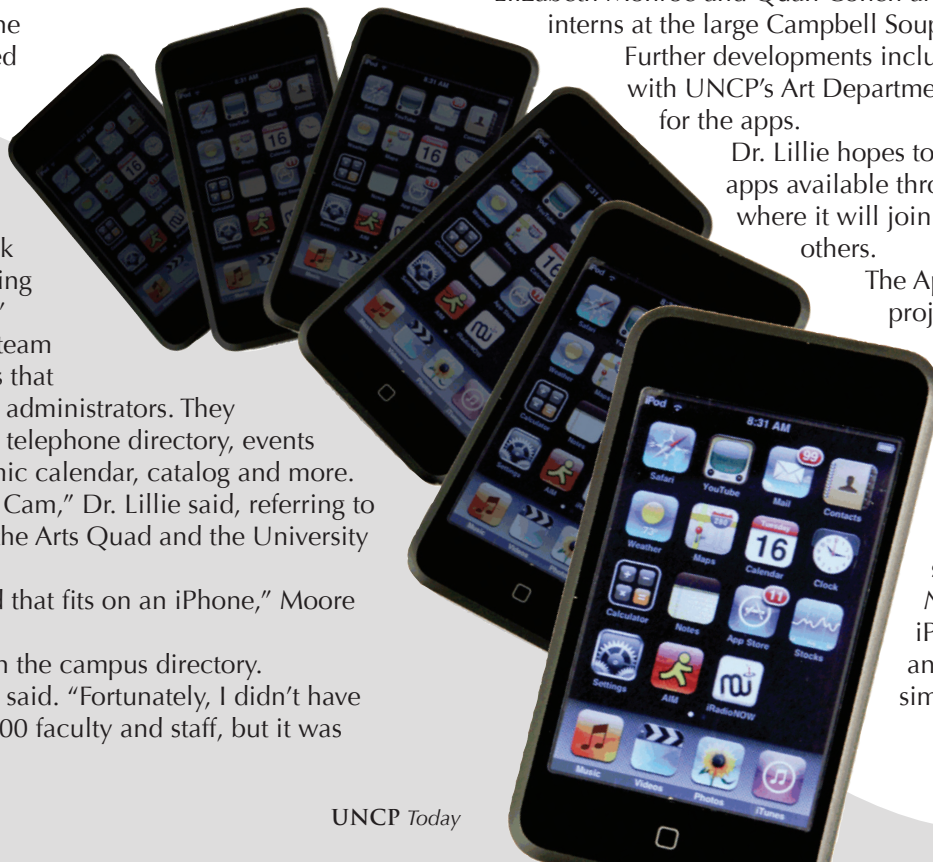
Further developments include a collaboration with UNCP's Art Department to design graphics for the apps.

Dr. Lillie hopes to make the UNCP apps available through the Apple Store, where it will join more than 100,000 others.

The Apple programming project continues this semester in Dr.

Lillie's Advanced Software class.

In the end, readers may soon be able to read this and other news stories from UNCP's *Newswire* on their iPhone or iPod Touch, and that would be simply iMazing. ■



FSU, UNCP dedicate \$1.25 million electron microprobe

Officials from Fayetteville State University and UNC Pembroke cut the ribbon January 28 on a new era of scientific research and a universe of possibilities - scientific, educational and commercial.

The work of two geologists helped bring the \$1.25 million electron microprobe to Southeastern North Carolina. The instrument bombards with electrons the surface of inorganic substances to map and reveal their composition.

The microprobe magnifies objects up to 300,000 times, and it is one of just 16 of its kind in the world.

"We have not caught up with tier one research universities; we have passed them," said FSU scientist Dr. Steven Singletary '96. "The only limitation to this instrument is our imagination."

Dr. Singletary, a UNCP and MIT graduate, will use the microprobe to analyze meteorites. UNCP scientist Dr. Lee Phillips will use it to learn more about the geology of North Carolina's coast.

Collaboration between FSU, UNCP and the U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Army Research resulted in funding for the probe, which also stimulates commercial and military applications.

The microanalyzer will allow scientists and their students to unlock the secrets of the planet and the universe, said UNCP's Dr. Lee Phillips.

"This instrument gives precise elemental analysis of any solid inorganic material," Dr. Phillips said. "It bombards the surface with focused electrons and detectors analyze the scatter of the electrons."

In a presentation in the FSU planetarium,

Dr. Singletary said the day was the culmination of his scientific "hopes and dreams" and the result of three years of work in Fayetteville, Pembroke, Chapel Hill and Washington, D.C. and between Republicans and Democrats.

North Carolina's U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, who spoke via a recorded message, and Rep. Bob Etheridge guided the legislation through the Congressional budget process. UNC General Administration's (GA) Office of Federal Relations and its Washington, D.C., office provided guidance and support for the project.

"This is an economic incentive for the entire region," Sen. Burr said. "The microprobe will attract defense contractors to this area, and it will better prepare our men and women to go into battle overseas."

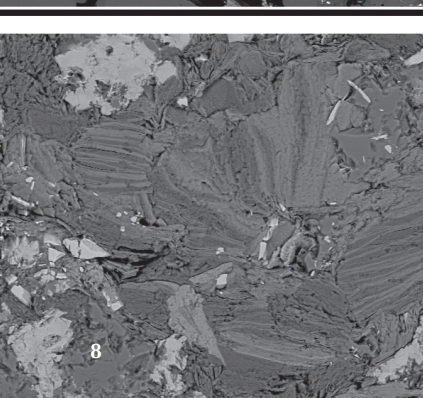
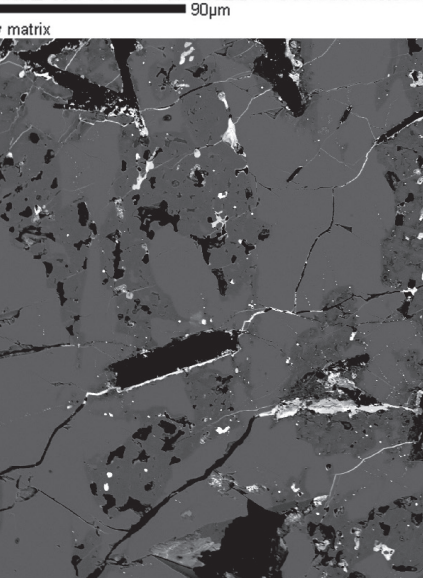
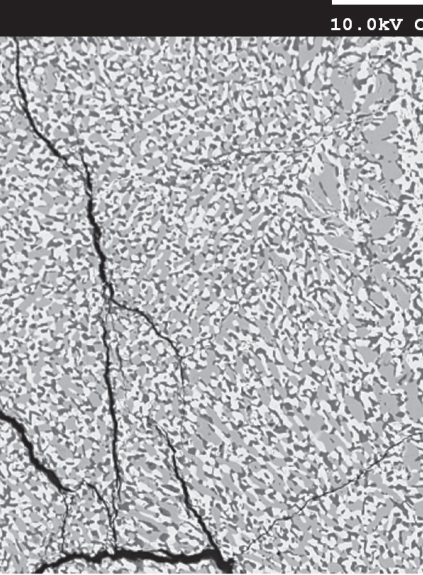
FSU's Chancellor James A. Anderson called this "an important moment in the history of our University."

"The primary goal is to enhance research and scientific investigation for our scientists and students," Chancellor Anderson said. "The microprobe will have a wide variety of users, and we will market its use."

Chancellor Charles Jenkins called it a "monumental day."

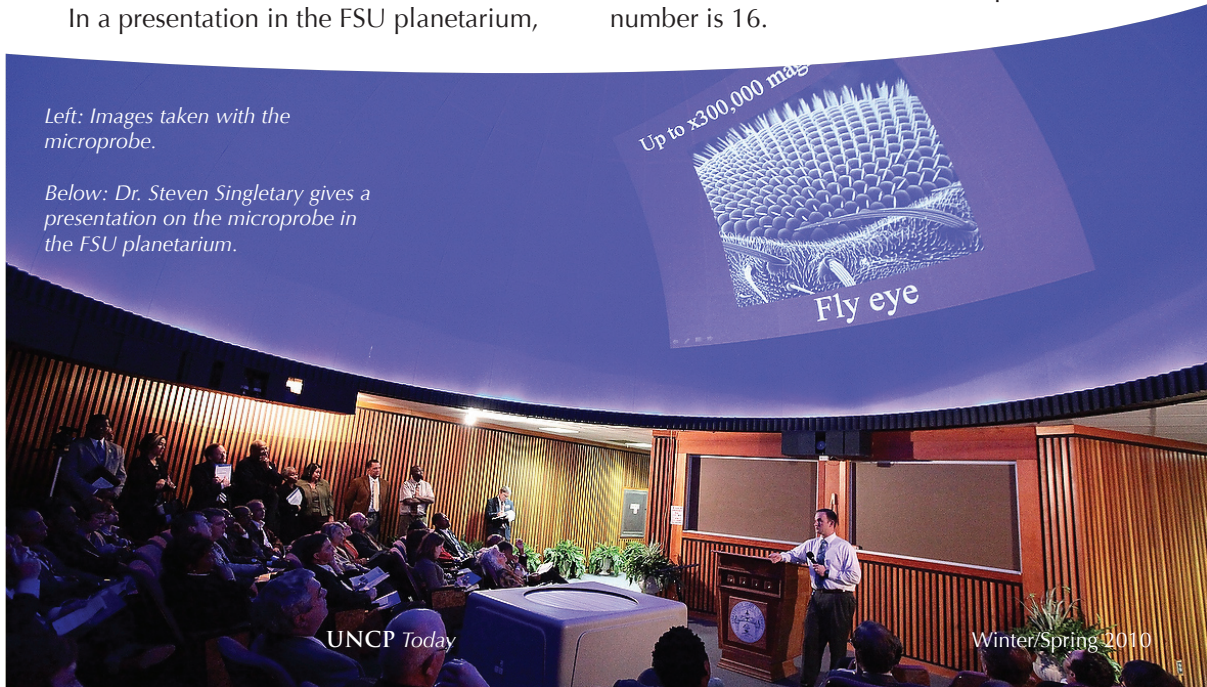
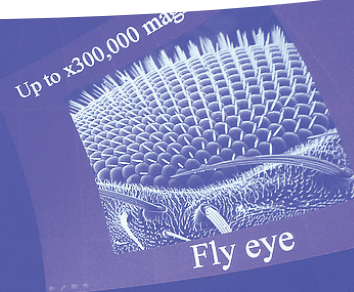
"This will stimulate cutting edge research, and it is a great teaching tool," Chancellor Jenkins said. "The collaborative aspect of this project is very pleasing."

The microprobe is located at FSU and will be accessible electronically to UNCP and other chemists, biologists, geologists and forensic scientists. It was manufactured by the Japanese Electron Optical Laboratories (JEOL), and the FSU-UNCP Microprobe's serial number is 16.



Left: Images taken with the microprobe.

Below: Dr. Steven Singletary gives a presentation on the microprobe in the FSU planetarium.



"It is a very limited group of people who have dedicated microprobes," said Ronald Snow, one of five JEOL representatives who installed the instrument.

This group calls itself the Southeastern North Carolina Microanalytic and Imaging Center. Dr. Singletary is its director and Dr. Phillips, assistant director.

The steering committee includes Dr. Shubo Hann, an FSU chemistry professor, Dr. Siva Mandjiny, a UNCP chemistry professor, and Dr. Jon Young, FSU's provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs.

Advisory council members are Dr. Linda Elkins-Tanton, a MIT geologist, Dr. Allen Glazner of UNC-Chapel Hill and Dr. Peter McSwiggen, a consultant.

Dr. Linda Little, UNCP's director for Sponsored Research and Programs and federal relations officer, said the federal funding was the result of an extraordinary collaboration.

"This was a team effort on a multi-institutional project," Little said.

The team included Emily Dickens, FSU's director of community and government affairs, David Camps, director of Sponsored Research and Programs at FSU, Miles Lackey, director of UNC's federal government relations and Kimrey Rhinehardt, UNC's vice president for federal relations.

"Our congressional delegation and UNC-GA were instrumental, as was our sponsor at the Office of Army Research," Little said.

The microprobe can analyze paint, fabric, teeth and bone, concrete or ancient pottery, the scientists said. Forensic research has already begun, Dr. Singletary said, with eight proposals already submitted resulting in funding for four projects. ■



Faculty & Staff Mentions



Pearson/Prentice-Hall publishers released the second edition of "Human Behavior in Organizations" by Dr. Rodney C. Vandaveer of Purdue University and **Dr. Michael L. Menefee**, the Thomas Family Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship. It has a copyright of 2010.

The book follows the successful first release in 2006. "Human Behavior in Organizations" is 408 pages and includes an instructor's manual, test bank, PowerPoint presentations, and a Web site. ■



"Chasing Moonlight," the biography of "Moonlight" Graham of "Field of Dreams" movie fame, was nominated for the Casey Award as the best baseball book of 2009. The winner will be announced this spring. It was co-authored by **Dr. Robert Reising**, a retired English professor, and Brett Friedlander.

"Chasing Moonlight" has proven popular, with 1,000 additional copies having come off the presses about a month ago," Dr. Reising reports.

The book was published in April 2009 on the eve of the Major League baseball season. ■



Greensky Records and its affiliated artists were winners in the 2009 Native American Music Awards (NAMA) held in October in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Nominees were chosen by the Native American Music Association & Awards.

Vocalist **Charly Lowry**, assistant director of Admissions, and the alternative indie-rock group Dark Water Rising, won in the category of "Best Long & Short Form Video" for their music video, "Movin' On."

Lowry's group was also nominated for Best Rap/Hip Hop Recording, for "Native Anthem," produced by Aaron Locklear and featuring a sampled track by northern-style drum group, Stoney Creek. "Movin' On" and the "Native Anthem" reflect Native pride and raise awareness to many contemporary issues surrounding the Lumbee tribe of today. ■



Dr. David Nikkel's latest book, "Radical Embodiment," examines a variety of modern and postmodern theologies to make the case for a new way to view humanity in the context of our physical and cultural worlds. Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Dr. Nikkel's book was published in late 2009 by Pickwick Publications as part of their Princeton Theological

Monograph Series. His first book, titled "Pantheism in Hartshorne and Tillich," was published in 1995 and is available online. ■

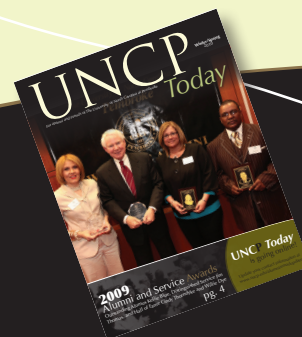


Dr. Lydia Gan is co-author of the Asian edition of "Principles of Economics" (McGraw Hill, New York, N.Y.) with Drs. Ben Bernanke, Robert H. Frank, and Chen Kang. Published in mid-2009, Dr. Gan contributed to the microeconomics section, and she recruited an outstanding economics modeling specialist, Dr. Chen Kang, to contribute to the macroeconomics section. "Principles of

Economics" takes a less-is-more approach, reducing instruction to seven core principles and providing relevant examples for active learning and ultimately better understanding. ■

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Tecumseh Brayboy



UNCP Athletic Hall of Famer and 1964 graduate, **Rev. Tecumseh Brayboy III**, passed away on Dec. 9, 2009, in Warren County.

Rev. Brayboy, who was known as “T,” was a four-year baseball standout and catcher for the Braves baseball team. His career fielding percentage was an impressive .985. He recorded a solid .384 batting average during his junior year.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2004. Rev. Brayboy worked with the Halifax County Schools until retirement.

In 2001, Rev. Brayboy and his brothers and sisters – Tim, Ray, Bobby, Elaine and Barbara - established an endowed scholarship to honor their parents, Eva and Tecumseh. The family lived on a small farm on N.C. 72 in the Philadelphus-Buie community and moved to Pembroke as the brothers and sisters grew up and left the family farm.

Brayboy is survived by his brothers Tim, Bobby, and Ray, and sisters Elaine and Barbara. Two other sisters, Evelyn Elizabeth and Helen Elaine, are deceased. ■

Dr. Dick Pisano



Dr. Richard C. Pisano, 81, former vice chancellor of Institutional Advancement, died on October 16, 2009, in Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, N.C. He was a long-time Lumberton resident and native of Hackensack, N.J.

Dr. Pisano joined UNCP (then Pembroke State College) in 1967 as associate dean of Academic Affairs, director of summer school and a member of the Music Department faculty.

Some of the major milestones that Dr. Pisano was instrumental in accomplishing included the establishment of the University’s television program, College Opportunity Program, Honors Program and summer basketball camp.

In his early years, Dr. Pisano was a jazz pianist and played with touring bands. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in music education from the State University of New York at Pottsdam, a Master of Education degree in music composition from Florida State University and an Ed.D. from Columbia University.

In academia, Dr. Pisano served as director of music and art at Westchester County public schools and later as a faculty member and department chair at Curry College in Boston, Mass.

As a fundraiser for the University, Dr. Pisano led the first Annual Giving Campaign in 1982 and the Centennial Campaign in 1987, which was the University’s first successful \$1 million campaign.

Dr. Pisano retired in 1992 with 26 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, and is survived by a son, Mark, and a daughter, Gina. ■

Gene Warren



Gene Warren, long-time director of University Relations, died on Dec. 1, 2009, at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, N.C. He was 80.

Warren was hired by then-President English Jones to be the first public relations and sports information director for the University. He retired in 1993.

Born in Hopewell, Va., on February 11, 1929, he grew up in Wilmington, N.C. He served as a platoon sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Special Forces during the Korean War.

Warren was a member of the first class of Wilmington College, a two-year college that would later become UNCW. He served on the first student council at UNCW and helped select the school’s Seahawk nickname and school colors. He continued his education at UNC-Chapel Hill and earned his B.A. in English.

Warren was a sportswriter for the *Wilmington Star News* and *Greensboro Daily News* in the 1950-60s. He was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Lumberton, N.C., where he served as a deacon.

Gene is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sharon ‘Shay’ Warren, and two children, E. Gene Warren Jr. and Stephen R. Warren of Goldsboro, N.C. ■

Successful football season ends with a national ranking

Following its second consecutive nine-win season and the first trip to the NCAA tournament, Braves' football finished at No. 20 in the final American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Coaches' Poll.

It was a realization of a dream that started more than 50 years ago with the first football team at the University. Making the playoffs seemed a long way away four years ago when UNCP made the decision to revive the program.

"It's been the goal all along to make the playoffs," Coach Pete Shinnick said. "We wanted to become a team in our region that was recognized as a playoff team, and we feel very good about getting it done in year three."

Having climbed as high as 10th in the November national rankings, UNCP finished two spots behind Arkansas Tech University, who defeated the Braves in the playoffs.

It was a great year, said Chancellor Jenkins and Athletic Director Dan Kenney.

"The 2009 season was nothing short of fantastic!" said Chancellor Jenkins. "Beginning with the Two Rivers Classic with FSU, we experienced excitement, enthusiasm and school spirit that carried us throughout the entire season and into our first playoff game."

"The impressive national and regional rankings added much to the interest and enthusiasm," he continued. "I continue to appreciate the commitment of our coaches and team to high ethical principles and behavior as well as to academic development and success. The entire UNC Pembroke family is most grateful to our team and coaches for representing the University so well this season."

"Congratulations go to Coach Shinnick, his staff and student-athletes who achieved NCAA post-season play in just year three," Kenney said. "In addition to the football team and coaches, kudos are given to supporters and students who made UNCP football possible."

In the NCAA tournament, the Braves traveled to Russellville, Ark., to meet the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech. They were met at the airport by former Chancellor Allen Meadors, who remains a Braves fan.

The Wonder Boys had a sensational senior quarterback in Nick Graziano who threw for a school record 465 yards, including 351 in the first half alone, to win 41-13.

The Braves became the youngest program at three years old to ever secure a bid into the playoffs.

The first quarter was a nightmare for UNCP's defense. Pembroke's offense also struggled against the Wonder Boys' defense, which did not allow a UNCP first down in the first 23 minutes of the outing.

The Wonder Boys started the second quarter with the ball at the UNCP 12-yard line. Graziano hit Wright in the end zone for Tech's third touchdown. Another three-

and-out by the Braves followed by an 8-play, 44-yard drive by Tech capped off by a Travis Cockerham 41-yard field goal.

At halftime, Tech led UNCP 24-7. For the half, Graziano completed 24-of-40 passes for 351 yards and two touchdowns.

For the Braves, making the playoffs seemed an impossible mission four years ago when the football program was revived.

The Braves are a team to be reckoned with as Coach Shinnick hoped. While the future is bright and the University continues to celebrate, challenges remain as Kenney and Dr. Jenkins noted.

"Our biggest challenge continues to be seeking conference affiliation for the football team and future scheduling," Kenney said.

"Scheduling continues to be a challenge and rest assured that Dan, Coach Shinnick and I are working hard to improve our situation in this area," the Chancellor said. ■



Soccer Coach Mike Schaeffer to retire after 30 years

by Todd Anderson



Coach Mike Schaeffer

After a storied 30-year career at UNCP in which he transformed the men's soccer team into a legitimate contender at the conference and regional levels, Mike Schaeffer announced his retirement from coaching on November 5.

Schaeffer, who joined the UNCP athletic family before the 1980 season, said he wanted to spend more time with his family, including his mother, wife and 12-year-old son. His retirement will be effective on May 31, 2010.

"I anticipate being able to spend a lot more time with my son, Ethan, to help him continue to develop as a man, and I look forward to being able to visit my 85-year-old mother in Spartanburg on a more regular basis, as well as enjoying more time with my wife at her parents' place down at Ocean Isle.

"Coaching is a very wearing vocation, but one that has brought many rewards," Schaeffer said. "I have very much enjoyed working alongside the numerous coaches at UNCP, as well as members of the Athletic Department staff, that I have had the opportunity to call colleagues over the years," he continued. "I owe a lot of gratitude to (former athletic directors) Lacey Gane and Dr. Ray Pennington, as well as Dan Kenney, who recruited me to be a soccer coach at UNCP back in 1980.

"I am also grateful for the tremendous help that I have had from my assistant coaches over the past decade and a half - David Mallick, Chad Griffin, Chris Little, Eric Alsop, Marco Genee, Ray Fumo, Jan Wachsmuth and Chad Steuck. I would not have lasted this long without them."

With more than 225 career victories as a Brave, Schaeffer concluded his stellar coaching career with a 231-242-35 record. He has taken three teams to the NCAA postseason, including the 2004 squad who advanced to the Final Four. Schaeffer ranks 16th among active coaches in the NCAA. He had 13 winning seasons, including the 2003 club that posted a 17-1-2 mark.

Schaeffer coached five all-Americans and 35 all-conference performers. Two of his athletes - Stephen Ademolu (2001) and Christian Staackman (2005) - won the Peach Belt's Freshman of the Year award.

Twenty-six of his players earned all-PBC tournament laurels. His players won 30 PBC Player of the Week accolades.

Off the playing field, Schaeffer's teams were just as successful with four players earning academic all-America laurels and three others taking home academic all-region honors. A total of 58 players were named to the PBC's Academic Honor Roll and 23 of those student-athletes earning the league distinction in multiple seasons. Personally, he has received four Coach of the Year awards.

"I measure my success not only in wins, but by the kinds of people my players have become as alumni," Schaeffer said. "I know that their experience at UNC Pembroke has contributed to their growth, and I hope that I have played some small part in their development.

"I've always tried to make sure players knew the right way to do things and the importance of trying hard and persevering," he continued. "Our program has stressed winning, of course, but winning the right way and dealing with set-backs with class. Those types of things are very important and part of my memory in the last 30 years."

In addition to his work with student-athletes, Schaeffer has also been heavily involved in both the professional and community levels as well. He served on NAIA and NCAA all-America committees and has been an integral part of the Lumber River Regional Senior Games. Although his schedule will free up quite a bit, the enthusiastic mentor already has some plans for his retirement as well.

"I would love to come back to teach part-time in the future, and will finally be able to get serious about my golf game." ■



Alumna and Mental Health Provider Establishes Social Work Scholarship

Carolyn Floyd-Robinson believes that when God opens a door, it is worth the risk to step through it.

Despite adversity that included the death of her husband, Floyd-Robinson has capitalized on opportunities to become chief executive officer of New Life Services, Inc. She built her company over 12 years from a halfway house to a comprehensive mental health provider.

Her education was also a step-by-step proposition from Johnson C. Smith University to Shaw University to UNCP. She earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree from UNCP in 2005 and a Master of Social Work degree from East Carolina University in 2007.

"At UNCP, I met a lot of people who encouraged me like Sherry Edwards and Collie Coleman," Floyd-Robinson said. "Dr. Coleman wrote a letter of recommendation for me to attend graduate school, and he advised me on how to get into a very competitive program."

The late Dr. Coleman was associate vice chancellor for Outreach, and Dr. Edwards is chair of the Social Work Department.

"As a student, I had a really close relationship with Dr. Edwards," Floyd-Robinson said. "When I graduated, she asked me to teach a class on the treatment of substance abuse."

Because of her training and background in mental health services, Floyd-Robinson brings a lot into the classroom. She is also a licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist and provisionally licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Last summer, Alisia Oxendine, UNCP's director of Major Gifts, invited Floyd-Robinson to help plan what turned out to be one of the most successful fundraising events in the University's history.

"Ms. Floyd-Robinson is a well respected leader in Robeson County," Oxendine said. "In addition to this generous scholarship, she helped make UNCP's S.O.S. fundraiser an immense success by serving as a major sponsor."

Floyd-Robinson downplays her contributions saying, "I'll do what I can with the time I have available." Besides being generous with her time and working with several professional and charitable groups, she is also generous with her resources.

"I truly thank God that through His mercy and grace I'm here," Floyd-Robinson said. "My philosophy and vision is to bless people, and I can think of nothing better than to help someone get an education."

She recently established an endowed scholarship at UNCP to benefit a social work student. The goal is to build the endowment to \$15,000 within five years.

"I like the idea of helping out a student in my profession," Floyd-Robinson said. "I asked that the scholarship go to someone in school social work because I think that is an important field."

Chancellor Jenkins thanked Floyd-Robinson for her gift and support of the University.



From left to right: Donna Lowry, UNCP Board of Trustees; Carolyn Floyd-Robinson, donor, alumna, and member of the Chancellor's Search Committee; Dr. Sherry Edwards, chair of the Social Work Department; Mary T. Hill, mother of Carolyn Floyd-Robinson; Dr. Freda Porter, chairwoman of UNCP's Board of Trustees; Dick Taylor, UNCP Board of Trustees; and Chancellor Jenkins.

"I can think of no better thing to do than honor one's mother," Chancellor Jenkins said. "This is a special gift that will honor Mrs. Mary T. Hill in perpetuity, and our University and the recipients of this scholarship will benefit from this gift."

Floyd-Robinson is giving back to UNCP in other ways. As an alumni representative to the Chancellor Search Committee, she will play an important role in selecting the next leader of the University.

Dr. Freda Porter, chairwoman of the Chancellor's Search Committee and Board of Trustees, praised Floyd-

Robinson for her support of the University.

"I am proud to be associated with Carolyn, and it's an honor to represent the University's Board of Trustees in thanking her for this important gift," Dr. Porter said. "Carolyn Floyd-Robinson is a shining example of what UNCP aspires for its alumni, and we thank her."

With healthcare reform ongoing both in North Carolina and nationally, Floyd-Robinson is optimistic about the future.

"I believe anything is possible, and I do not discount anyone," she said. "My mother has always been by my side, and we hope that when our days on this earth are done, people will say we did our best for the people of Robeson County and UNC Pembroke." ■

UNCP honors Anne R. Belk with Distinguished Professorship in Nursing

Friends and family gathered at the University on November 11 to celebrate the life of the late Anne Reynolds Belk and the establishment of an endowed distinguished professorship in her honor.

Belk grew up in Lumberton, N.C., graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and married Carl G. Belk of Charlotte, N.C. Her mother, Pat Sharpe, was the wife of the late Albert Sharpe, whose family owned *The Robesonian* newspaper.

Belk, who passed away on Aug. 2, 2008, was remembered for her long and courageous battle against illness and her civic engagement. Fellow Charlotte native, Gigi Lorman Harris, delivered personal reflections of her lifelong friend.

"Anne was a leader, role model and a serious student, who graduated with a degree in accounting," said Harris, who also grew up in Lumberton. "She used her talents for many good causes, including her profession, church, the Junior League, Charlotte Latin School and the cause of pediatric brain cancer, which was dear to her.

"Anne will be remembered for the joy with which she lived, even during her illness," Harris said. "This endowment is a heartfelt remembrance of her life."

The gift to establish the Anne R. Belk Distinguished Professorship in Nursing came from Irwin Belk, Anne Belk's father-in law and a long-standing UNCP supporter.

"It's great to be in Robeson County and at this great institution," Belk said. "I have known four chancellors here, five including Chancellor Jenkins."

Belk is the namesake for UNCP's Irwin Belk Athletic Complex, which features the Grace P. Johnson Football Stadium and the Richard and Lenore Taylor Track.

UNCP is home to eight endowed or permanent distinguished professorships, and Belk contributed the first one - the William Belk Distinguished Professorship in Business. The Belk name is also on a residence hall and Belk supports the performing arts and academic programs at the University.

The \$250,000 gift will result in a \$1 million endowment to assist in funding a faculty position in the Nursing Department. The gift will be matched with funds from the C. D. Spangler Foundation and the North Carolina General Assembly's Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund.

University officials said the endowment will bolster the nursing program and the health of a region.

"This is a milestone in the history of our University, and a wonderful tribute to Anne's life," Chancellor Jenkins said. "Anne herself had a tremendous impact on her family, friends, the Charlotte community and the state.

"This endowed professorship will have an everlasting effect on our nursing program and a dramatic effect on the health of Southeastern North Carolina for generations to come," he continued. "I thank Irwin Belk for his continuing generosity to UNCP."

Nurses are in high demand and nursing professors even more difficult to attract, said Dr. Charles Harrington, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"There are no more pressing issues here than health care," Dr. Harrington said. "This is a transformative gift, and higher education cannot thrive without generous gifts from its friends."

Family members attending the luncheon in the Chancellor's Dining Room included Anne Belk's mother, Pat Sharpe, her brother, Henry Reynolds, two sisters, Leigh King and Kathy Phillips, and their husbands, and an aunt, Helen Sharpe. ■



Former track buddies University Trustee Dick Taylor and Irwin Belk.



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Board of Trustees Member and Entrepreneur Gives Success Advice

Pembroke's own Donna Lowry spoke November 11 as part of the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Speaker Series sponsored by the School of Business at UNCP.

"What I am going to talk about are the things that helped me be successful," said Lowry, CEO and president of Caring Touch Home Health Care. "These are the things that took us from a mom and pop business to a small business."

Caring Touch may no longer be a small business, as Lowry's company has more than 600 on its payroll and revenues of \$15-17 million annually. The business started in her kitchen with three people in early 2005.

"You have to set goals for yourself," Lowry said. "Remember, the more people you tell your goals to the more people will hold you accountable."

"My goal with this University is to establish an endowed professorship in my daughter's name," said Lowry, who is a member of UNCP's Board of Trustees. "That's on the record now Chancellor Jenkins."

The health care entrepreneur showed the audience of 75 her "goal sheets," which are 8 by 10-inch sheets of colored paper with photos glued to them.

The goals were small – "eat healthier" or "spend a weekend with my husband at Biltmore" - to career changing – "pass my nursing boards," "begin my career at Southeastern Regional Medical Center" and "start a business."

"It doesn't cost a lot to create a goal sheet," Lowry said, preparing her audience for the more difficult part. "You must put your goals somewhere where you will see them every day."

In all, Lowry offered 25 tips for success, some of which are daunting.

"Pick your battles," she said. "There are times when you can't do anything about it; you just have to go with the flow."

That is the kind of advice that comes from experiencing \$30,000 a month in cuts from the Medicaid program as Lowry's company did this year.

"What are you going to do, call Bev (Gov. Perdue), (U.S. Rep.) Mike McIntyre and (state Rep.) Ronnie Sutton and give them a piece of your mind?" she asked. "Or, go back and plan to continue to grow your business with budget cuts?"

Lowry noted that keeping calm in busy business and personal life is not easy. But she said it helps to follow another of her rules: "don't burn bridges."

Another rule in Lowry's strategic business philosophy is to "listen to your employees." She said she pays for good tips from employees.

"We survey our employees annually, and one year my employees said they had trouble reaching me on the phone," she said. "I didn't see that one on the next survey."

Another employee told her several times that a Blackberry cell phone would help her become more efficient.

"I didn't want one," she said. "Now I check my email on weekends, in doctor's offices and in the car, but only when my husband is driving. It saves time."

Another old adage – "there's more than one way to skin a cat" - has proved its worth.

"That was hard for me," she said. "I wanted everything my way."

Another important part of her code of conduct is honesty and integrity.

"Sometimes it will cost you – it recently cost me \$250,000 – but you have to honor promises," she said.

Lowry also said it helps to get good advice.

"I have to thank Carmen Calabrese (director of UNCP's Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship)

and Beth Wilkerson (of the Small Business and Technology Development Center at UNCP's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development)," she said. "Their help was important to my success."

There were more pieces of the code that included the importance of professionalism, hiring and keeping good people and having a supportive family. The lecture was well received and concluded with this question from a student.

"How can I join your family?" a student asked. ■



Donna Lowry

"Remember, the more people you tell your goals to the more people will hold you accountable."

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Hanging out in the Chavis University Center: The Advancement Team 2010 includes, clockwise from left top: James Bass, Director of Alumni Relations; Alison DeCinti, Assistant Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations; Maryam Rogers, Business Officer; Kristen Anderson, Advancement Services; Betty Johnson, Gift Processor; Kim Hunt, Administrative Support Specialist; Teresa Oxendine, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of Development; Sandy Waterkotte, Vice Chancellor; Alisia Oxendine, Director of Major Gifts; Rhonda Chavis, Administrative Support Specialist; and Kandi Kinlaw, Events Coordinator.

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If your name does not appear on this list, we hope that you'll go about changing that fact right now! Every student benefited from the gifts of alumni before them, and your gift – no matter the size – will make a very real difference in the experience of today's students.

And while we're expressing our thanks to you, I'd like to express my thanks to the Advancement staff at the same time. Each of them (pictured above) puts their heart into what they do, and considers our interaction with you to be our very top job priority!

Sincerely,
Sandy Waterkotte, Vice Chancellor for Advancement

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The August 7th SOS Beach Party, UNCP's first fund-raising event of this kind, was a smashing success. More than 300 people shagged to beach music and sampled seafood while raising \$65,000 for UNCP's distressed scholarships.

Eleven sponsors contributed \$3,000 each and 25 corporate tables were reserved at \$1,000 each. The contributions helped

fill a hole in the University scholarship endowments, which went "underwater" during the turmoil in the financial markets.

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GIVING TO UNCP: UNCP Students Contact Alumni for the Annual Fund

The Annual Fund raises money to support activities and projects on campus that cannot be funded through the state budget. Beneficiaries of money raised through this campaign include students, faculty and staff development projects, scholarships and academic programs. The primary vehicle for the Annual Fund is the student Phonathon, in which UNCP students call alumni and current parents and ask for their support. In the fall 2009 semester, 1,600 alumni and current parents pledged more than \$60,000 to the Annual Fund. Help ensure that today's UNCP students have the best college experience available by making a gift to the UNCP Annual Fund.

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There are a number of ways to inscribe your name on the UNCP campus. This campaign will raise funds for the UNCP Football Program. Choose between a 4" x 8" brick for \$250 or an 8" x 8" brick for \$500 with your name and message. Leave your legacy at the Grace P. Johnson Football Stadium and support the Braves. The bricks will be displayed in the Curt & Catherine Locklear Legacy Courtyard outside the stadium. These bricks make a great gift for parents, students, alumni and friends.



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Homecoming is the most celebrated time of year at UNCP. Friends and former classmates visit campus to re-kindle memories, carry on traditions and support the University. Each year at Homecoming, the 50th Reunion Class comes together to raise money for the Golden Anniversary Scholarship. So far, more than \$13,000 has been raised, and this scholarship will continue to grow and aid UNCP students for years to come.

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Campus involvement isn't just for students – it's also for parents. Parents contribute to the quality of educational programs through volunteerism, financial support and encouragement.

Whether it's attending Parents Weekend or Homecoming, coming out for sporting events or GPAC performances, joining the UNCP Parents' Council, or supporting the UNCP Annual Fund, parents are very important in the mission of UNCP to provide a quality educational experience.

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UNCP hosted a luncheon on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, to celebrate the life of Anne Reynolds Belk. The *Anne Reynolds Belk Endowed Professorship in Nursing* was established through a generous gift from Irwin Belk, one of North Carolina's foremost business leaders and philanthropists. Anne was married to Carl Grotnes Belk, "Ike" Belk's son. The gift will result in a \$1 million endowment to assist in funding a faculty position in the Nursing Department as a result of matching funds from the C.D. Spangler Foundation and the North Carolina General Assembly's Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund.



Irwin Belk with Anne's mother, Pat Sharpe.



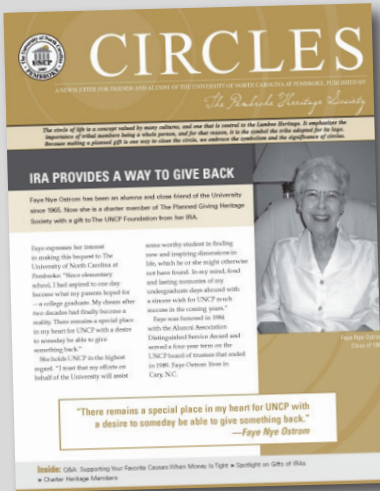
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Giving to UNCP: Heritage Society Newsletter Published



UNCP's Advancement Office proudly announces the release of *Circles*, a bi-annual Heritage Society newsletter whose name is meant to evoke the symbolism of the circle of life. UNCP's Heritage Society recognizes donors who have included the University in their will or estate plan.

Circles focuses on the many ways you can benefit the people and causes you love through charitable giving. It also introduces planning strategies that fit your financial goals at any stage of life. The first issue includes a Heritage Members Spotlight on Faye Nye Ostrom of Cary, N.C., in addition to information about:

- IRAs
- Ensuring Your Estate Plan is Up-to-Date
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The Legacy Bench Campaign is an affordable naming opportunity at UNCP. For \$1,500 you can leave a legacy for yourself, a family member or a special friend on the campus. Your name or the name of a loved one will be inscribed on a beautifully crafted bench to be located at strategic sites throughout campus. The benches are installed all over campus, and at this point donors can still pick their desired location. These benches are

permanent, practical and offer a beautiful addition to campus for years to come. They are great for group gifts, as well.

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The Robeson County Farm Bureau has joined in support of the Biotechnology Business and Training Center at UNCP. The Farm Bureau contributed \$50,000 over five years to the Biotechnology Center. The University dedicated the lobby of the center to the Robeson County Farm Bureau on June 11.

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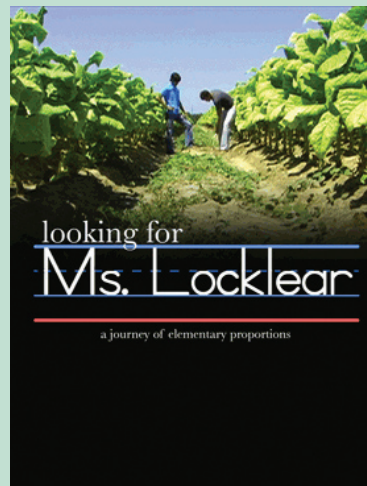
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UNCP's Department of American Indian Studies screened the award-winning film "Looking for Ms. Locklear" in the Givens Performing Arts Center on December 12, 2009. To kick-off the event, The University of North Carolina Foundation and Chancellor Jenkins hosted a pre-performance reception prior to the Pembroke premiere. The reception, sponsored by Caring Touch Home Health Care, was attended by nearly 150

people. Half of the proceeds went to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The film featured the efforts of Rhett & Link, who in the summer of 2006 decided to document their attempt to reconnect with their first grade teacher, Ms. Locklear. The pursuit of their teacher brought them to Pembroke where they discovered the Lumbee Tribe. This presentation was the first of the American Indian Speaker Series, which will continue on UNCP's campus throughout the year.

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Alumni



Greetings Alumni,

Staying in touch with your alma mater, visiting your campus, and giving back so that future generations of students can enjoy the same quality college experience are the three most important activities that alumni can engage in. As the excitement of spring renews our sense of growth, I hope that you will all take time to enhance your relationship with UNC Pembroke.

It only takes a few minutes to join the UNCP Alumni Association's Facebook page, or to visit the alumni Web site (www.uncp.edu/alumni) and update your contact information. Keeping in touch with former classmates and the University is the first step to successfully networking and maintaining relationships. Visiting the campus and staying engaged can be even more rewarding. Giving back – whether financially or through volunteerism – is the greatest way to show one's love and commitment to the institution.

In February, we honored the most recent winners of our annual alumni awards. I would like to extend congratulations to Mr. James A. Thomas and Ms. Kellie Blue '93, respectively, on their awards for Distinguished Service and Outstanding Alumnus for 2010. I'd also like to congratulate Ms. Gina Marie Gibson '03 on being named the UNCP Alumni Association's first-ever Young Alumnus of the Year and Mr. Willie Dye '82 and Cindy Thorndyke '92 on being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. On behalf of the Alumni Association, thank you all for your service to UNCP and its students. We are honored and proud to have recipients who demonstrate such a diversity of character and commitment to excellence.

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Dr. Donna Peters '79 named Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Donna A. Peters, a 1979 graduate, was named the 2010 A. Craig Phillips Superintendent of the Year for North Carolina. She is superintendent of Montgomery County Schools in Troy, N.C., and former superintendent of Rutherford (N.C.) County Schools.

Beginning as a business teacher in Thomasville (N.C.) Schools, Dr. Peters climbed the school leadership ladder one rung at a time with stops in Guilford and Moore counties.

After earning two master's degrees, she earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership, all from UNC Greensboro.

Dr. Peters leads a school district of 11 schools and 4,500 students in continuous improvement efforts. She has spent an entire career serving children.

Q. *When the smoke settled and you stepped back from the moment, what was your reaction to winning this prestigious award?*

A. I continue to be deeply humbled by the Superintendent of the Year recognition. Initially, I was shocked, and having received the award, it is still difficult to believe because I have such deep regard for my superintendent colleagues across the state. It is such an honor to represent them.

Q. *In viewing Montgomery County Schools' (MCS) Web site, it is immediately apparent that you are a communicator - with each and every constituency. There are podcasts, "tweets," videos, and a blog, as well as mentions of face-to-face meetings with parents such as "evening chats" and "kitchen conversations." What is your theory of communication in the public schools and as a top-level manager?*

A. The importance of communication and relationships cannot be overstated. I learn so much every time I sit down and listen to what people have to say, and I do try to schedule opportunities to do just that. I have just completed a round of "sit-down" visits in each of the schools to talk to teachers and staff, and I'll now do the same with the principals and other administrators. A big emphasis in Montgomery County Schools is the use of 21st century tools for communication and collaboration, so video messaging, blogging, micro-blogging, networking and other tools are very helpful in meeting people where they are. In addition to face-to-face and print material, we use Twitter, Facebook and our "Web solution" to reach our stakeholders. I was a Comer principal, and the three guiding principles of Comer's School Development Program—collaboration, no fault and consensus—are principles in my leadership practice.

Q. *Montgomery School Board Chairman Steve DeBerry said you have "changed the culture" of MCS forever. What is the secret to changing an organization?*

A. There is no secret—changing an organization or the culture of an organization requires a lot of hard work and focus. Every leader enters an organization with a vision for what he or she believes that organization needs to be or do. My vision for schools or districts where I have led has always been child-centered with high expectations for all—students and adults alike. One begins to shape culture by clearly identifying the vision up front, which we did the first year I arrived in Montgomery County Schools—21st Century Learning and Teaching for Every Student in a Safe, Nurturing Environment. This vision has truly guided us through the last three years, and we are a lot closer to the vision than we were in the beginning. While climate refers to how people feel about things around here, culture is about how we actually DO things around here. We have made changes in how we do things in Montgomery County Schools as a result of our efforts to work toward our vision. We have had to learn to use 21st Century tools, and we have committed to providing technology for learning in our schools. We have had to focus on designing learning with thick supports for learning so that EVERY student has an opportunity to be successful at high levels. Shaping culture is a slow process, recognizing and rewarding those things moving you toward your vision and discouraging those things that do not contribute to the desired culture in a positive way. In my view, shaping culture is the most important thing a leader does.

Q. *You lead a system with 11 schools and more than 4,300 students in a rural part of North Carolina. What special challenges do you have in this county and its schools?*

A. The challenges are many, as they are in any school system. Because of the rural nature of our school district, recruitment of quality teachers and administrators is a major challenge for us. We are in the exact center of the state, and we are located about one to two hours from Greensboro, Charlotte and Raleigh. That is the good news and also the bad news. You do have to drive a little to get to a larger city. In addition, local funding is a challenge here due to our county's limited revenues, which historically relied upon the declining textile industry. We also work hard to raise expectations for all and to inspire our students to be all they can be.

Q. *You have formulated a five-year strategic plan for MCS. Are you and MCS making progress?*

A. We are making progress. Of course, every school district faces the challenge of higher expectations and a changing accountability model in our state. As the rules or standards change, it can appear on the surface like we are achieving less than we really are. We know that we are making significant progress with what our students are learning. The strategic plan, driven by our vision and mission, has been an important roadmap for us in all four identified priority areas: quality teachers, administrators and staff; teaching and learning; parent and community involvement and support; and resources.



Superintendent Donna Peters



From Left to Right: Superintendent Peters with Chancellor Jenkins and Magnolia Lowry at Homecoming 2009.

Q. *What larger challenges confront the public schools in Montgomery County, in North Carolina and in our nation?*

A. Making our students competitive in the 21st century global economy is the big goal for us all. Governor Perdue's education priorities of every student graduating from high school prepared for technical training, college or a career sums up our biggest challenge in Montgomery County, as well as in our state and nation.

Q. *Has the recession been a problem for budgets and your students and their families?*

A. Yes! In addition to significant state funding decreases over the past two years, Montgomery County Schools has received more than \$1 million less in local funding as well. We experienced a local reversion during the last school year and two local reversions already this year. The funding shortage presents our school district with a challenging set of circumstances as we strive to prepare students with 21st Century skills. In addition to our system's financial challenges, our students and families also face economic challenges with double-digit unemployment rates and more than 70 percent of our students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

Q. *Tell our readers about your undergraduate experience in Pembroke. In particular, what memories and educational experiences stand out in your mind today?*

A. I transferred to Pembroke from NC State University in 1976, and that was a fortunate turn of events for me. Although I was and continue to be a Pack fan, the educational setting at Pembroke met my academic needs much better. The smaller class sizes and caring faculty made all the difference in my learning and in the self-confidence I developed there. The faculty in the School of Education, particularly Mrs. Magnolia Griffith Lowry, held me to high expectations and provided the needed care and support to ensure my success and preparation for the next level. Mrs. Lowry recommended me for a summer job at Lumbee Bank, which gave me valuable experience. When I graduated from Pembroke in 1979, I went immediately into a full-time master's degree program at UNCG with a teaching assistantship in the

School of Business and Economics. Again, it was Mrs. Lowry who encouraged me to go straight through to get my master's degree and who wrote a glowing letter of recommendation when I applied for the assistantship. As a result, I was teaching UNCG undergraduate students keyboarding classes at the age of 22! I believe my experiences at Pembroke changed the course of my professional life, and I am grateful to the University and those responsible for my education there.

Q. *You visited Homecoming 2009. What are your impressions of UNCP today?*

A. Oh my goodness! I could not believe the changes on the campus! The changes were so profound that the campus is unrecognizable in places. The band and football team were great, and we have 2009 West Montgomery High School graduates on both! I was proud on many levels that day. The campus grounds and buildings are absolutely beautiful, and the University deserves all the credit in the world for the design of such a warm and modern campus—curved sidewalks, landscaping, lots of glass—I could go on and on! Of course, I had to buy a t-shirt in the great campus store and put it on for the game!

What hasn't changed is the climate on the campus. It is still warm and friendly—the students smile and greet you as they walk by. It is truly a unique place, and it continues to make me proud to be part of the UNC Pembroke Braves family!

Q. *You hire many new teachers every year. Is there any area of their education that teacher training programs like UNCP's could improve upon?*

My best advice for any program would be to provide students with as much hands-on experience in classrooms and schools as possible. Place them with only the very best teachers with high expectations for all students. The 21st Century global economy will not be kind to those who are not prepared to compete at high levels. Those coming into the profession must understand that failure is not an option for any student. Pre-service teachers need to understand the importance of quality student-teacher relationships in the learning process. Any pre-service teacher without the passion to do whatever it takes to make students successful should be advised to change their major. To meet the demands of educating every student at high levels, we need every teacher and administrator performing at the highest levels. It is a daunting task—challenging and rewarding.

Q. *Montgomery County Schools is in UNCP's service region. We established graduate education "cohorts" of MCS teachers, and your husband, Rick, is enrolled in a graduate program. What can UNCP do for your schools in the future?*

A. Continue to do what you are doing! Our teachers love UNCP and benefit from the same opportunities and experiences that Pembroke provided for me! Many thanks for making a difference in our lives. ■

Catching up with Dr. Sarah R. Locklear



On the day of her 17th birthday, Sarah Locklear '02 decided she wanted to be a pediatrician. "I had wanted to be a teacher for a long time," Dr. Locklear said. "I had the opportunity to shadow Dr. Joey Bell, and it was awesome."

In August 2009, Sarah R. Locklear M.D. joined Sandhills Pediatrics in Moore County. It is everything she hoped it would be.

For the future pediatrician, there were many powerful influences, especially teachers. And there is her mother.

"My mom, Cheryl Locklear, is a dentist, and she was a role model for being in the health professions," Dr. Locklear said. (Dr. Cheryl Locklear '75 is a former member of UNCP's Board of Trustees and currently a member of the UNC Board of Governors.)

Dr. Sarah Locklear cited public school teachers as a source of inspiration from elementary through high school. At UNCP, she found professors with office doors wide open.

"I had excellent professors who were more like friends," she said. "They genuinely want students to succeed."

Picking UNCP over UNC-Chapel Hill for her undergraduate experience was "the right decision," Dr. Locklear said.

"I needed a smaller environment," she said. "UNCP prepared me and gave me confidence."

Residency at UNC Hospitals was grueling, Dr. Locklear said, but joining Sandhills Pediatrics and a real world practice has been great.

"It can be stressful and frustrating, but I'm having a great experience, and it is very satisfying," Dr. Locklear said.

It is a traditional practice with hospital privileges, "call" and evening work. FirstHealth is an excellent hospital with great staff, she said.

On the personal side, Dr. Locklear announced that she will marry Ben Brewington '03 in June 2010. Brewington is a N.C. Highway Patrolman.

At UNCP, Dr. Locklear was a double major in chemistry and biology with a biomedical emphasis. She completed her residency with UNC Hospitals in 2009 after finishing at UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Medicine. ■

Jerry Lanier: UNCP graduate is named ambassador to Uganda



On June 19, 2009, President Barack Obama announced the nomination of Jerry P. Lanier '74 as Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

A Chadbourne, N.C., native, Lanier is a career diplomat with 26 years of service in the Department of State.

His last post was as the foreign policy advisor for U.S. Africa Command, headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany. Prior to that, he was the director of the Office of Regional and Security Affairs in the Africa Bureau at the State Department.

Since the nomination, Lanier has testified before the Senate, where he was confirmed, and immersed himself in sub-Saharan African politics. He recently issued statements of U.S. support for Uganda's battle against the Lord's Resistance Army, a rebel group, and support for Uganda's efforts to stabilize its neighbor Somalia.

As ambassador, Lanier's job is to look after American interests in Uganda with a high degree of diplomacy and courtesy.

"You always want to get what is best for both countries - to keep Washington informed and recommend policy," he said in a recent interview with the *Whiteville News Reporter*.

Lanier said he felt a degree of personal comfort upon arriving in Uganda because of its rural nature and warm weather. Lanier is an Africa expert. He also served in the Philippines, Kenya, Thailand, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Ghana.

"I worked with Congress on issues related to Africa," he said. "It was our job to know the countries well, to coordinate our military aid and assistance to these countries."

While at UNCP, Lanier played baseball. After graduation, he earned a master's degree in American history at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was a member of the faculty for three years. ■

Lisa Huggins Oxendine enters doctoral program



Lisa Huggins Oxendine was accepted into the executive doctoral program in health leadership at UNC-Chapel Hill's Gillings School of Global Public Health. The three-year distance education program confers a doctorate of public health in health administration to healthcare professionals prepared for senior-level positions in organizations concerned with public health.

The highly competitive online program is the only one of its kind in the world. An international pool of 132 individuals applied and 12 were accepted. Oxendine will be the first Lumbee and the second American Indian to attend the program.

Oxendine expects her dissertation will address key factors and communication methods that encourage minorities and rural people to adopt healthy habits.

Oxendine earned her undergraduate and master's degree in mathematics education at UNCP. She completed the Wake Forest University School of Medicine's Physician Assistant Program in 1995. She was named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants in 2008.

Since 1995, Oxendine has worked as a physician assistant in Robeson County. She has also taught classes at UNCP and spoken on issues of women's health issues, human diseases, healthful living, human

sexuality and mathematics.

Oxendine was the keynote speaker for the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Physician Assistant Symposium in 2008. She has spoken at the Southeastern American Indian Conference, N.C. American Indian Health Conferences and the 2008 American Indian Women's Conference. She has written and self-published three books on health topics. She received a North Carolina Society of Historians' Smithwick Award in 2008.

Lisa is the daughter of Earl and Sally Huggins of Lumberton, N.C. She is married to Terry Oxendine, who works at UNCP's Division of Information Technology, and they have a daughter. ■

Native Angel: Entrepreneur tells success story



Bobbie Jacobs-Ghaffar and Dr. Cammie Oxendine, Acting Dean of the School of Business

Bobbie Jacobs-Ghaffar '93 told the story on September 30 of her successful company, Native Angels Homecare and Hospice, as the first speaker in the 2009-10 Excellence in Entrepreneurship Speaker Series.

From Fairmont, N.C., Ghaffar grew up in a home without running water. She was raised by her grandparents and a single mom on a small tobacco farm.

Today, her business has more than 400 employees, a magnificent headquarters and is valued at more than \$30 million. Native Angels was named 2007 Small Business of the Year by the federal Small Business Administration.

Her advice to the mostly student audience was to "dream big."

"I was a millionaire at age 32, but, today, it's just not that much money," she said laughing. "Go for billionaire."

In 2001, Ghaffar started Native Angels with her sister, Lesa Jacobs, a registered nurse.

Unlike many business start-ups, the first year was not the most difficult. The economic downturn of 2008-09 has been the hardest storm to weather, Ghaffar said.

"I've had to struggle before, and those struggles have defined me," Ghaffar said.

What motivates the successful business person? It is not money, she said.

"It's not money that motivates entrepreneurs or me," she said. "Think about what you would do without getting paid for it, and it might pay too.

"Every day of my life, I want to help someone," she said. "One of my most memorable moments was getting teeth for a woman who was too proud to ask Medicare even though she was eligible.

"My passion is helping people; money will follow your passion."

Ghaffar, who with her husband, Abdul '91, has three children, describes herself as "very competitive" and "passionate" about her work.

"I believe outrageously in what I do," she said. "I'm in a competitive and very strong industry, and I'm very competitive."

Integrity is also important to Ghaffar.

"I'm not in it for the quick dollar," she said. "I'm in this game for the long haul."

On learning from experience, Ghaffar had an unusual answer.

"Often experience has taught me how not to do things," she said. ■

Class Notes

2009

Rodlin J. Bell is employed with Caring Touch Behavior Treatment and is planning to begin work on a master's degree in education. She resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Regina Brown Davis is a child support agent II with the Robeson County Department of Social Services. She resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Andrea Morgan Eva was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force. She is the third generation in her family to serve the nation.

Rhonda McClure won first place last summer in the National Institute of Health (NIH) student poster contest. As a summer intern at NIH's National Institute for the Aging, she competed with 50 other student projects. Her research was titled "Effect of Multiple B-Cell Stimulators on Class Switch Recombination and AIDS Expression." For her work, she won a yearlong NIH Intramural AIDS Research Fellowship Internship Award for 2009-10. She resides in Pembroke.

Amanda McNickle and her husband welcomed a baby boy, Maddox James, on Oct. 7, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz.

Mallorie Fountain Parks is a sales support representative for AT&T. She and her husband, **David Parks '08**, reside in Statesville, N.C.

Sandra E. Roberts is a teacher with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in St. Pauls, N.C.

Elizabeth Sampson is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in Lumberton, N.C.

2008

James Freeman is a UNCP graduate assistant and works in the Bookstore. He resides in Pembroke.

Amanda Price Roberts is the wellness program manager at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. She plans to return to UNCP to pursue a minor in health promotions. She resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

Clarisse Wilson is a public safety telecommunicator with the Campus Police Department at the UNC School of the Arts. She resides in Winston-Salem, N.C.

2007

Katie Humphrey Dries and her husband, David, welcomed a baby girl, Abigail "Abby" Paige, on June 4, 2009. She weighed 8 lbs. and measured 21.5 inches.

Kelly Adel Freeman and **Kevin Scott Graham '05** were married on Nov. 7, 2009. She is employed by Direct Care Behavioral Services, and he is employed by the Lumberton Recreation Department. The couple resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Cassandra Nicole Needham is coordinator of job development for ex-offenders for the N.C. Department of Corrections. She resides in Greenville, N.C.

2006

Patricia Brayboy is a teacher assistant with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in Rowland, N.C.

Morgan Brittany Hunt and **Brandon Warriax** were married on Nov. 14, 2009. She works for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina as a volunteer coordinator.



The couple resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Elizabeth Ashley Lewis and **William Pfaff Simmons Jr.** were married on Oct. 11, 2009. She is employed with the Robeson County Department of Social Services. The couple resides in Darlington, S.C.

Rudy T. Locklear

is a magistrate for Robeson County. He was appointed to the bench in January 2006. Prior to graduation, he served as a deputy sheriff for the Robeson



County Sheriff's Department. He is enrolled in UNCP's Master of Public Administration program, expecting to graduate in December 2010. He is also the newest member of the UNCP Alumni Association's Board of Directors. He resides in Pembroke.

Thomas Bryan Sealey and **Kimberly Ann Fuchs** were married on Nov. 6, 2009. He is employed by Palm Beach County Water Utilities.

Sam F. Swick is a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

2005

Angela H. Locklear is the human resources development coordinator at Robeson Community College, where she has worked for 22 years. She resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Krystle Melvin was admitted to practice law on Sept. 21, 2009, in a ceremony at the Robeson (N.C.) County Courthouse. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law. She resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Terri Stewart is employed with Guilford County Schools. She works with the Upward Bound Program at North Carolina A&T University as a Spanish teacher/tutor and residential supervisor. She resides in Greensboro, N.C.

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2004

Eulalia Cidela Barajas and Barry Gerard Graham '01 were married on Oct. 14, 2009. She is employed by Lumbee Bank, and he is employed by Southeastern Urgent Care. The couple resides in Pembroke.

Heather Herring is a math teacher with Columbus County Schools. She resides in Chadbourne, N.C.

Doug Smith is a graduate student and substance abuse counselor in Wasilla, Alaska, where he resides. After graduating from UNCP, he was commissioned as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Iraq for 14 months and left active duty afterwards. In addition to his other activities, he is also an Alaska National Guardsman.

2003

Hugh Armstrong Jr. is director of social services at Golden Living Center-Lynnhurst in Minnesota. He resides in Eagan, Minn.

Betsy Kristin Bridgers and Robert Orrie Coonrod were married on Oct. 3, 2009. She is employed by the Medical University of South Carolina Children's Hospital. The couple resides in Charleston, S.C.

Jonathan Foley is the assistant manager for Walgreens in Asheboro, N.C., where he resides.

Jessica Elayne Locklear and Troy Dean Fowler were married on January 1.

Jamie Elizabeth Prevatte and Brian Keith Glotzbach II '07 were married on Aug. 29, 2009. She is employed with BB&T. The couple resides in Lumberton, N.C.

2002

Sheila Brown Evans is employed by Sandhills Regional Library Systems as director of Hoke County Public Library. She resides in Red Springs, N.C.

Eric Gossett and his wife, Kelley, welcomed their first child, Mackinley Joyce, on Nov. 20, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz. The family resides in Columbia, Mo.

Karen Spencer Smith and her husband, **Brent Smith '01**, welcomed their first child, Hudson Tex, on June 23, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. The family resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

Gary M. Staley is district manager for Social Security Administration. He resides in Conway, S.C.

2001

Belinda Jacobs is a youth development specialist with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in Pembroke.

Melissa Jones is a software engineer with Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory. She resides in Ellicott City, Md.

James Edward Lucas is a marketing and sales representative for Choice Imaging, LLC. He resides in Pembroke.

Danita McNeill is a probation/parole officer with the Division of Community Corrections. She resides in Rockingham, N.C.



Lorna Ricotta is president and owner of Ethos Creative Group, LLC, a new firm based in Fayetteville, N.C., that specializes in special events, interior design and home staging

in Southeastern N.C. She is a member of the UNCP Board of Trustees and a former Miss North Carolina.

Emily Evans Sorrell is a child placement social worker with the Johnston County Department of Social Services. She resides in Clayton, N.C.

Carmellia Webb received her master's degree in counseling from Webster University in 2006. She is working on her master's degree in social work at UNCP, expecting to graduate in May 2011.

She and her family attend Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Pembroke, where her husband is the pastor. The couple is raising their niece and nephew. Her niece will attend UNCP in fall 2010 and plans to major in education. Carmellia is director of support services at Healthkeeperz. The family resides in Lake Waccamaw, N.C.

Alfonso Williams II is a senior systems analyst for Defense Logistics Agency in Havelock, N.C.

2000

Emily Love Jones and her husband, **Randall Channing Jones**, welcomed a baby girl, Brooklyn Reese, on Aug. 29, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long.

Donald Eugene Powell retired from the U.S. Navy. He resides in Shallotte, N.C. **Torrey Lynne Warriax and Maj. Davance Locklear '05** were married on Aug. 15, 2009. She is employed by Fayetteville Manor Assisted Living, and he is a major in the U.S. Air Force. The couple resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

1999

Frank Fleming Jr. is vice president of Chestnut Tax Services. He resides in Reidsville, N.C.

Sara Elizaabeth Griffin and James Argus Jones Jr. were married on Nov. 14, 2009.



1998

RJ Perry '98, Shawn Warren '97, Scott Dreyer '00, Joe Yencho '97,

Jason Beasley and Dustin Hardy '00 participated in the 2009 Hubert Davis Benefit Golf Tournament in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Sept. 21, 2009. They are all members of Pi Lambda Upsilon fraternity except Yencho, who is a member of Theta Xi. The event is an annual fundraising event for Volunteers for Youth, a non-profit serving Orange County youth.

Yolanda Sinclair is the administrative services manager for the N.C. Correctional Institution for Women. She resides in Garner, N.C.

1997

Cheryl Squirrel Aoudou is assistant medical day program director with LIFE, Inc. She resides in Baltimore, Md.

Chad E. Morgan is principal at Silk Hope Elementary School in Sanford, N.C.

1996

Michael Shawn Dees is a senior account manager for Large and Small Graphics, a reprographics company. He resides in Holly Springs, N.C.

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1995

Jean Williams Fairley has been a teacher for 17 years and is working on a second master's degree in elementary administration through Grand Canyon online. She has two daughters, Michaela, 10, and Macie, 8. She resides in Laurinburg, N.C.

Mary Hickman is an elementary teacher with the Public Schools of Robeson County. She resides in St. Pauls, N.C.

Pecouse Lucas is an administrative assistant at UNCP. She resides in Pembroke.

1994

Mark Jandreau is employed with Goodyear in Fayetteville, N.C. He resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

1989

Gregg Locklear is a crew chief on the MQ-1(M) B Predator aircraft with Battle Space Flight Services of Las Vegas, Nev. He and his wife, Abby, have three children: Chloe Nichole, 17, DJ, 8, and Christian Michael, 8 months. The family resides in the Prospect Community near Pembroke.

1988

Glynita Wilson Mann is an assistant principal with Iredell-Statesville Schools. She resides in Statesville, N.C.

1985

Georgia A. Gau is a family services support specialist for Western Carolina Community Action. She resides in Brevard, N.C.

1981

Jeannie Smith is principal with Jones County Schools. She resides in Swansboro, N.C.

1980

Kenneth Parsons introduced two new computer programs, KPD Compositions Advanced and Pro, which are professional digitizing programs for the embroidery and apparel industry. He resides in Freeport, N.Y.

1978

Joann Locklear is an employment consultant for the State of North Carolina. She resides in Pembroke.

Frederick Wilkinson has been a teacher at Kooweerup Secondary College since moving to Australia in August 2008. The school is a small rural secondary college about an hour drive from Melbourne, the capital of the State of Victoria.

1977

Betsy Bullard Andrade is an exceptional children's teacher with Sampson County Schools. She resides in Autryville, N.C.

1976

Harrison Shannon is chief executive officer of the Durham Housing Authority. He resides in Durham, N.C.

1974

John Student is chair of the English Department at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He resides in Drexel Hill, Pa.

1970

Cathie Phillips Price retired from teaching in 2004 but continues to substitute in Bladen County schools. Her husband, Dr. Danny Price, retired from North and South Carolina as a principal and is now working in Bladen County Schools as director of federal programs. Her son, Alan, is an optometrist in Hope Mills and Fayetteville, N.C., and her son, Phillip, is dean of Administrative Services at Beaufort County Community College and is in the dissertation phase of his doctorate in higher education administration from East Carolina University. She resides in Elizabethtown, N.C.

1968

Frank Baker retired in 2002 from Oyster Bay (N.Y.) Schools, where he was department chair of health and physical education and director of athletics. He moved to Foley, Ala., in 2004 and became a licensed elementary teacher to teach second grade in 2006. He resides in Foley.

1967

Marilyn Stanaland Gore is retired and resides in Wilmington, N.C. **Paul Norman** is the chaplain for King and Stokes counties. He and his wife started a ministry for First Baptist Church in King, N.C., in January 2009. He is retired from RJR Tobacco and Leggett & Platt, after many years in mid-level management in finance and computers. He resides in King, N.C.

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