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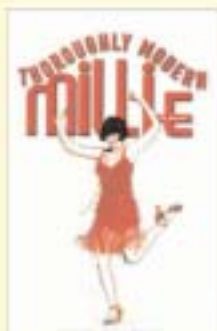
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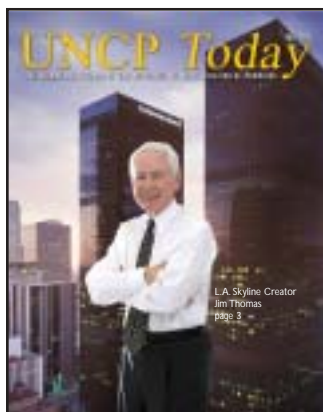
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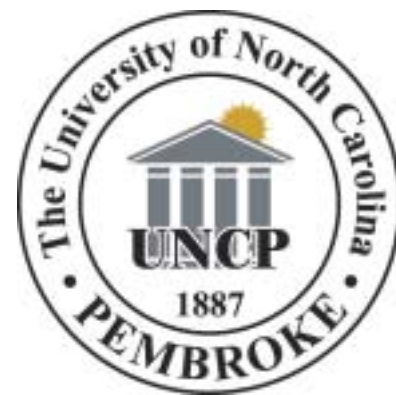
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## 2004

- Trustees approved football in December

## 2005

- Belk Stadium received new seating in June
- Head coach search began August 15
- Field house designs unveiled in September
- Mac Campbell jump-started fund raising with gift
- Lumbee Bank donated \$500,000
- Campaign kick-off held September 22
- Head coach to be hired
- Schedule to be announced

## 2006

- Assistant coaches to be hired
- Field house construction will begin
- Turf to be installed
- Practice equipment to be ordered
- Belk Stadium scoreboard to be upgraded

## 2007

- Field house to be dedicated
- Practice will begin for first season
- First game — September 1, 2007

## Chancellor's Message

# Alumni, Donors and Friends



Your University is truly electric with excitement this fall.

It's been more than 50 years since there was a football pep rally on this campus. The golden age of football was remembered during the September 22 kick-off of the new era of football.

Ned Sampson, Jesse Oxendine, Delton Ray Locklear and others were there to witness the historic passing of the football from one generation to the next.

We have begun our nationwide search for a head coach, and plans for a field house are being finalized. There is a lot of work to do, and it will

take dedicated alumni and friends stepping up to the plate.

We have set a goal of \$4 million for "First and Ten: Campaign for Football." This campaign will fund field houses, scholarships, uniforms and other building blocks for a football program, so we are asking our friends — like you — to help us with this extraordinary project.

The University is making history of all kinds this year. From Lumbee Guaranty Bank, we received the largest corporate gift in our history of \$500,000. With this gift, your new football field has a name!

I want to recognize two alums — Lumbee Bank's CEO, Larry Chavis '72, and Mac Campbell '68 — for their generous contributions.

This summer, we also received the largest gift from an individual in University history. From our great friends, Jim and Sally Thomas in Los Angeles, a gift of \$500,000 will fund the Thomas Family Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship. Their gift has been matched by the state. I know you will enjoy reading about this generous couple in our cover story.

This fall, Healthkeeperz and our friends, Howard Brooks '63 and family, contributed \$250,000 to endow a distinguished professorship in nursing. This gift will soon be matched by the state.

In a matter of months, we have doubled the number of endowed professorships at UNCP. These are great gifts from great friends to our growing University.

We had a record class of freshmen (985) this fall that pushed enrollment to an all-time high (5,632). This is a 90-percent increase in total enrollment from 1999.

We continue to set records for enrollment of American Indian students and, in another first, *U.S. News* named us the most diverse university in the South. We proved that we still have the "personal touch" after *U.S. News* ranked us number one among North Carolina colleges and universities for the number of classes with under 20 students.

We also finished among the top 140 universities in the southeastern United States, according to *The Princeton Review*. *The Princeton Review* selects colleges that "stand out" based on nationwide student surveys.

Your University remembers its roots, and we hope you will remember yours. Please visit campus, attend an event or volunteer for your local alumni chapter. You can still make a difference at UNC Pembroke!

*Allen C. Meadors*

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

# Gift from Pembroke native Jim Thomas will create endowed chair for entrepreneurship



photo by Tom Hincley Studio 1501 Photography

**The largest gift from an individual** in the University's history will help fund an endowed chair for entrepreneurship.

A gift from Los Angeles real estate developer James A. Thomas and his wife, Sally, made through the Thomas Family Foundation, will fund a distinguished professorship in UNCP's School of Business. The Thomas Family Endowed Professorship in Entrepreneurship will be a faculty position that will serve as the cornerstone for a new program to be anchored in the School of Business.

Ultimately, this professorship will direct a Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship. The center would be the first of its kind in southeastern North Carolina and would uniquely affect the University, the School of

Business and our neighboring communities.

Thomas, who is chairman, chief executive officer and president of Thomas Properties Group Inc., contributed \$500,000 to the project. His gift was doubled by a matching grant of \$500,000 from North Carolina's Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund, which was established in 1985 by the North Carolina General Assembly to create endowed chairs at all 16 constituent UNC schools.

Thomas is a Pembroke native and a Lumbee Indian. He said this gift was prompted by his desire to affect the Lumbee community in some significant way.

"I am excited about the potential of this project," Thomas said. "I've had a chance to meet with some of the

faculty in the School of Business, and of course with Dean Eric Dent, and I've come to understand that their commitment to the Pembroke area is very real.

"They believe, as I do, that this professorship will play a role both academically at UNCP and in the community," he added.

Helping the Lumbee Tribe and the region's economy is one of Thomas' goals, but there was a larger motivation to give to a community that he left behind 50 years ago.

"I am more emotionally connected than physically," Thomas said in a telephone interview. "I have not been able to come back often. I have a warm spot in my heart growing up there, and I've had many connections

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Jim Thomas and family: Front row, from left, grandson Otto Pastron, granddaughter Rosemary Pastron, daughter Suzanne Thomas and son-in-law Mark Baer; middle row, from left, daughter Sherrie Pastron with Jim Thomas; back row, from left, wife Sally Thomas and son-in-law Will Pastron.

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to the University. My grandparents were involved with the University, and my parents are graduates.

“I remember roller-skating around Old Main as a child,” he added. “Playing basketball for Pembroke High, we played in the University gym. I sneaked into the gym on off-hours and practiced with Ned Sampson, one of the all-time greats.

“One thing I get emotional about is that this would be very pleasing to my parents,” he said. “It’s very touching to me. The college has made great progress, and that is very pleasing to see. I see the college as presenting the opportunity to do something meaningful for the community.

“Small business is the hot thing. When I was coming up, people thought you were crazy to be in business for yourself,” he concluded. “The University — with training and support — can give small businesspeople a leg up. I’ve enjoyed creating businesses and jobs. That’s something I can be proud of.”

Once the Center for Entrepreneurship is established, Thomas will stay involved.

“One of the things I stipulated is the creation of an advisory board,” he said. “I want to chair it, and I want to get some of the business folks in the area to work with the center.”

Thomas has supported several UNCP projects, including an endowed scholarship and the naming of the Thomas Assembly Room in UNCP’s Native American Resource Center. Both gifts honored his parents, Ophelia and Earl Thomas.

In 1990, during the administration of Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine, Thomas was presented an honorary degree following his speech at Commencement. Thomas’ connection to the Pembroke community is spelled out in his hopes for the project.

Once appointed, the Thomas Professor will plan and direct the planned Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship, which will be

developed to address three primary objectives:

- A resource center for existing and prospective businesses in Pembroke and surrounding areas, enabling these businesspeople to obtain information and resources that will help them maintain and grow a business.

- Support undergraduate education in entrepreneurship, allowing students to pursue coursework that would provide them with a professional level of business expertise.

- Support additional opportunities in graduate education that could include elective courses, a track in entrepreneurship or a certificate program in entrepreneurship.

“A gift of this size helps us accomplish something extraordinary for the institution, for our School of Business and for the community, and it sends a message that Pembroke and UNCP are engaged in a partnership of remarkable proportions,” Chancellor Meadors said. “This gift is creating a

faculty position that will directly impact our community.

“On behalf of UNC Pembroke, I wish to thank Mr. Thomas for his generous gift,” Chancellor Meadors added. “The Thomas Professorship and the planned Center for Entrepreneurship will have a tremendous impact on the entire University and the community it serves.”

Dr. Dent, dean of UNCP’s School of Business, said the impact of Thomas’ gift will be large on business programs and outreach into the business community.

“This gift from the Thomas family will have an electrifying effect on our University,” Dr. Dent said. “This professorship will allow us to bring a faculty member with a national reputation in entrepreneurship to Pembroke.

“I can envision area businesses getting assistance from the planned center and our students preparing themselves to start their own businesses or be innovators in large organizations,” he added.

Thomas spent his early years in a home directly across the street from the University. His parents, Earl and Ophelia, were both educators and UNCP graduates. Although the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1952, Pembroke and its people had a lasting influence on Thomas.

He discussed his life and career during a recent lecture at the School of Business.

“I was a so-so student,” Thomas said. “I had a seventh-grade teacher named Joseph Sampson who was a legend in Pembroke. He created a competitive situation every week, and class ranking determined where you sat in the classroom. I became a straight-A student.”

Thomas said his competitive nature was an asset in sports and later in business. He followed the Oxendine brothers, Chancellor Emeritus Joe and Ray, to Catawba College on a basketball scholarship, but his father’s health problems brought him back to Ohio before graduating.



At a campus reception: From left, Jerry Cummings, Harry Oxendine, Jim Thomas, Bundy Locklear, Joe Oxendine and Ray Oxendine.

Night school and law school were followed by a job as a tax attorney for the Internal Revenue Service. Thomas started a private practice in tax law and, in 1983, it happened.

“It” was a client who convinced Thomas to form a real estate development company. Twenty million square feet of high-rise commercial property later, Thomas Properties Group trades on the NASDAQ (TPGI) with a market capitalization of more than \$400 million and an enterprise market value of more than \$600 million.

Thomas Properties owns real estate across the United States. The full-service company engages in the ownership, acquisition, development and management of office, retail and multifamily properties. Thomas is often cited as the man who built the Los Angeles’ vertical skyline.

Thomas said his venture into real estate was completely accidental and “absolutely terrifying,” but extremely gratifying. He offered career advice to future entrepreneurs at UNCP’s School of Business.

“For me, the law did provide some background, but not much,” he said.

“If I had my life to live over again, instead of going to law school, I would get my MBA. We live and die on numbers.”

Thomas will pass the entrepreneurial spirit to a community that needs it. During the past decade, Robeson County and its surrounding region lost thousands of jobs as international competition completely revised the rules of the manufacturing sector of the local economy.

UNCP will recruit a national leader in business education to the Thomas Family Endowed Professorship for Entrepreneurship. At a July 20 special meeting of the UNCP Board of Trustees, the University approved the professorship and initiated an application for state matching funds, which were granted to the University in September.

For more information about the Thomas Professorship or planned Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship, contact the School of Business at (910) 521-6214 or e-mail [business@uncp.edu](mailto:business@uncp.edu). For information about giving to UNCP, call the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6252. ■

## UNCP shines in *U.S. News* college rating

The University led all North Carolina public universities in the number of classes with fewer than 20 students, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges," released August 22.

In another popular college rating poll, UNCP finished among the top 140 universities in the southeastern United States, according to *The Princeton Review*. *The Princeton Review* selects colleges that "stand out" based on nationwide student surveys.

Chancellor Meadors said college ratings are just one of many indicators that can serve as a reference in evaluating higher education institutions.

"UNC Pembroke is very pleased to continue to rank among the nation's finest universities in *U.S. News*," said Chancellor Meadors. "Ratings should only be used as a starting point in evaluating an institution.

It is important that a prospective student visit the institution and make their decisions from what they see, when possible. We are pleased with our high rankings in several categories and feel that these rankings reflect the University."

UNCP scored well in several key categories in *U.S. News's* annual survey. For graduates with the least debt, UNCP was second among North Carolina public universities and 20th in the South among all master's degree-granting universities. Sixty-six percent of UNCP graduates had some student debt, averaging \$12,844 per student.

For campus diversity, UNCP moved up one place and ranked number one in North Carolina and the South. Approximately 20 percent of UNCP's student body is American Indian, and 21 percent is African-American.

For classes under 20 students, UNCP ranked in the top 65 among all Southern

universities. Forty-eight percent of UNCP's classes have fewer than 20 students. For the number of international students, UNCP is tied for third among public universities in North Carolina and is in the top 100 among all Southern universities.

In the new category of economic diversity of student body, UNCP ranked third among North Carolina universities and 19th in the South. This is a new indicator in the 2006 survey that measures the income of students' families.

"America's Best Colleges" is the leading student guide to U.S. universities. In overall ranking, UNCP is recognized as a third-tier university, ranking between 65th and 99th in the South for master's degree-granting universities. Indicators such as student/faculty ratio, graduation rates and selectivity of admissions are used to score colleges and universities. ■

## UNCP receives \$500,000 grant to train math and science teachers

UNC Pembroke was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Robert Noyce Scholarship program of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The four-year scholarship program will fund 10 Noyce Scholars per year at UNCP with scholarships valued at \$7,500 each. The scholars will be math or science education majors in their third and fourth years. With funding from the grant, UNCP expects to train up to 30 talented teachers, who will make a significant impact on math and science instruction in the region, University officials said.

The grant award was a breakthrough for UNCP, said Dr. Warren Baker, the grant's principal author. It was a highly competitive grant, and this was the University's third proposal. Fifty-two colleges and universities applied for the 15 annual awards totaling \$7.9 million.

"We were very excited to receive news of the award," Dr. Baker said. "It was a successful collaborative effort between the School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences."

Assisting with the grant application were Dr. Velinda Worriax of the Biology Department, Rachel McBroom of the Biology Department and Mary Klinikowski of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department. Chancellor Meadors congratulated the team.

"My congratulations go to Dr. Baker and Professors Worriax, McBroom and Klinikowski," Chancellor Meadors said. "Their work on this grant is representative of UNCP's dedicated faculty, who actively pursue scholarship support for our students and, ultimately, positively affect the region we serve."

Recruitment of Noyce Scholars will begin immediately, Dr. Baker said.

Applicants for the two-year scholarships must be full-time students who are already admitted to the teacher education program and have a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).

Noyce Scholarships will be awarded to seven undergraduates and three graduate students in the Master of Arts in Teaching program. The \$7,500 award almost entirely covers full-time tuition, room and board, which is estimated at \$8,115 for in-state students.

For each year of financial support, Noyce Scholars will teach a minimum of two years in a school district identified by the program as "high need." For scholarship renewal, applicants must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Dr. Baker said the program should have a positive effect on the number of math and science teachers produced through the UNCP teacher education program.

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# UNCP, SRMC cut ribbon on nursing center

With a backdrop of 50 uniformed nursing students and 200 attendees, UNC Pembroke and Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) celebrated a partnership and cut the ribbon September 15 on a new Instructional Technology Center.

UNCP launched its four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program this fall, and SRMC gave it a home in its renovated 9,800-square-foot Corporate Services Building. The program will enroll 200 students by 2007.

Before the ribbon was cut, a third partner joined the celebration. Healthkeeperz, a regional comprehensive home healthcare provider in Pembroke, N.C., contributed \$250,000 to endow a distinguished professorship in the Nursing Department.

Chancellor Meadors thanked Healthkeeperz.

"It is gifts like this one from Howard and Tim Brooks of Healthkeeperz that will make our nursing program truly outstanding," he said. "Together, we can improve health-care delivery for all the people in our region."

And SRMC's Patient Care Services Department announced a \$5,000 contribution to create an endowed scholarship. Chancellor Meadors and SRMC President Luckey Welsh praised the power of partnership.

"This is truly a first-class facility," Chancellor Meadors said. "Professional nursing education and healthcare in southeastern North Carolina have taken a step forward."

Said Welsh, "Nursing education is paramount to our mission. I am proud to be in a partnership to bring nursing back to this campus for the betterment of our region." Speaking to the gathering of nursing students, he said, "You will one day — directly or indirectly — save a life."

Healthkeeperz founder and chairman Howard Brooks said



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for Instructional Technology Center: From left, Provost Dr. Charles Harrington, SRMC President Luckey Welsh, SRMC Vice President Gail Davis, Nursing Department Interim Chair Dr. Barbara Synowiez, Chancellor Meadors and SRMC Nursing Supervisor Teresa Barnes.

the new nursing program will boost nursing of all types in the region.

"We are not making this gift because we have so many resources, but because it is worth the sacrifice to help the development of UNCP's nursing program," he said.

"This nursing program will benefit nursing in home healthcare, as well, and produce positive outcomes for our patients and holistically lift the health of our region," he added.

The new Instructional Technology Center includes classrooms, offices and five laboratories for clinical training. The home health lab was named in honor of Brooks and his late wife, Brenda B. Brooks.

The Brenda B. Brooks Distinguished Professorship in Nursing will be endowed over five years and matched by the state. It will bolster the Nursing Department's faculty.

The Gail Davis Endowed Nursing Scholarship is named for SRMC's outgoing vice president for Patient Care Services. Davis recalled nursing training in an earlier day in the same building.

"Nurses like me lived here for three to four years," she said. "Listen carefully, students; hear us and follow in our footsteps."

UNCP has trained nurses since 1992 in a BSN program for registered nurses. Last spring, the University cleared the final hurdles for a four-year, pre-licensure program with 200 students.

The program earned accreditation in May 2005 from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education for 10 years without recommendations.

SRMC and UNCP invested approximately \$400,000 in the Instructional Technology Center. Brooks and Healthkeeperz contributed to the home health lab. ■



The 50 members of UNCP's nursing class of 2007.

# New Art Department Gallery opened September 7

The new Art Department Gallery opened its doors for the first time for an exhibit and a reception September 7.

UNCP also showed off Locklear Hall, which has undergone \$2 million in renovations and additions. The University got a lot of space for its investment, said Chancellor Meadors.

"This is one project where there is visible proof of the investment. We are pleased to be able to catch up with the space needs of our Art Department," Chancellor Meadors said. "This is going to be a gallery that is used a lot."

Paul Van Zandt, who has taught art for 36 years in Locklear Hall, said design follows function in the new spaces.

"This is a lot more functional, and there is more instructional space," he said. "The new painting studio and gallery were

designed for those functions, not rooms that were converted for that use."

Anderson Locklear Hall was constructed in 1950. Three of Locklear's grandchildren were on hand for the opening, including Maxine Amos, Dorothy Blue and Delton Ray Locklear, all UNCP graduates. Visitors will be in for a surprise, said Dr. Richard Gay, new gallery director.

"It has a lot of verticality," he said. "The space presents many opportunities for displaying different mediums."

Designed by architect Walter Vick, the Art Department Gallery features approximately 960 square feet of exhibition space, an upper register with a skylight and the ability to display large-format work. "Serving the University and local community, the gallery will display the work of students and faculty, as well as that of local and regional artists," Dr. Gay said.

Art Department Chair Janette Hopper said the new gallery and building move the department into a new era.

"The gallery is a resource for the entire campus and the larger community," she said. "Art is important to a well-rounded education. We think our new building will help all our students and the community appreciate art."

The expanded and renovated Locklear Hall holds many new spaces. A large new painting studio, expanded digital art, sculpture and drawing studio spaces, an art education library and new offices on the second floor are part of the new facility.

"We're excited about the new space, and we're filling it up quickly," Hopper said. "We have doubled the number of faculty and students in the past three years, so we urgently needed more space."

Concrete floors, exposed ductwork, light and color produce a different look for the 1960s-era building. A new gallery director and new walls on which to hang art will bring a new look. With the retirement of Ralph Steeds, who directed the gallery for the last 25 years, Dr. Gay has assumed responsibility for programming and management.

An art historian, Dr. Gay is former director of the Weil and Islander Galleries at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and former assistant curator of manuscripts at the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, Calif.

A special show, titled "New Dimensions" and featuring department faculty members, was on display for the opening. Participating faculty artists in the opening show included Tarleton Blackwell, Janette Hopper, Dr. Ann Horton-Lopez, Dr. John Labadie, Margie Labadie, Dr. Tulla Lightfoot, Steven Robison, Carla Rokes, Steeds, Van Zandt, Thomas Volkman, Cary Wilson and Dr. Gay, gallery director.

For more information about the Art Department or the Art Department Gallery, call (910) 521-6216 or e-mail [art@uncp.edu](mailto:art@uncp.edu). ■



From left, Gallery Director Richard Gay discusses a piece with Ralph Steeds and Art Department Chair Janette Hopper.

# UNCP names Dr. Charles Harrington new provost

by Amber Rach

Charles F. Harrington, Ph.D., was named provost at the University. The Board of Trustees approved Chancellor Meadors' recommendation July 30, 2005.

Dr. Harrington took office as UNCP's chief academic officer August 15 after receiving approval from the UNC Board of



Governors. His last post was as assistant vice president for academic affairs at the University of Southern Indiana (USI), and he also served as director of Institutional Research and Assessment and as a professor of business statistics from 1995 through 2000.

Prior to joining USI, he served as assistant director of institutional research and planning at the State University of

West Georgia, where his responsibilities included assisting the university faculty senate with the assessment of student learning outcomes and academic effectiveness.

Dr. Harrington is an outstanding scholar who has been involved in substantial funded research. Since 1999, he has published 25 scholarship papers, supervised five doctoral students and presented at more than two dozen international conferences.

"Dr. Harrington is an accomplished scholar, educator and academic leader," Chancellor Meadors said. "I am confident he will provide continued leadership to maintain and enhance academic excellence at UNC Pembroke."

The search committee, chaired by Dr. Thomas Leach, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was charged with identifying a successor to Dr. Roger Brown, who resigned earlier this year to become chancellor of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

The committee received more than 50 applications for the position and conducted phone interviews with nine candidates. Based on its interviews and candidates' records of achievement and references, the committee invited Dr. Harrington and two other finalists to participate in campus visits, during which they had an opportunity to meet with faculty members, deans and administrators.

Dr. Harrington said he was pleased to become part of UNC Pembroke's tradition of excellence.

"Pembroke is an institution poised and ready to do truly great things," Dr. Harrington said. "The quality of the faculty, the level of care and commitment devoted to helping students succeed, the support of the Pembroke community and the leadership team being built by Chancellor Meadors were critical factors in my decision to join the UNCP family."

Dr. Harrington is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the American Educational Research Association, the American Statistical Association and the Association for the Study of Higher Education. He received the Award for Innovation and Excellence in Support of Online Teaching and Learning from the Indiana Partnership for Statewide Education in 2004, in addition to many other awards, including the Best Conference Research Paper Award from the Indiana Association for Institutional Research in 1998 and consecutively from 2000 through 2003.

Dr. Harrington received his undergraduate degree in philosophy and his doctorate in higher education from Ohio University. He received his master's degree in nonprofit management from Drexel University.

A native of Athens, Ohio, Dr. Harrington and his wife, Kelly, have three daughters: Emma, 14; Abbey, 12; and Claire, 9. ■

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"There is a severe shortage of teachers in North Carolina, and math and science teachers are particularly in short supply," he said. "We could conceivably produce 30 math and science teachers, and that would make a significant impact on this region of the state."

UNCP had 48 math and science middle-school and high-school education majors graduate in 2004-2005.

"There aren't a lot of science and math teacher education majors in our program," Dr.

Baker said. "This scholarship is a strong incentive for more students to consider the fields of math and science teaching."

UNCP's application benefited from its history as an American Indian-serving institution and diverse student body. Minority enrollment in teacher education programs is 40 percent.

In a critique of UNCP's proposal, NSF reviewers noted that "the institution has an excellent track record in training teachers, and the likelihood of success is

high." Robert Noyce, the scholarship's namesake, was a founder of Intel Corporation and inventor of the integrated chip, which paved the way for microprocessors used in today's computers.

For more information about the Noyce Scholarship program at UNCP, call (910) 521-6221 or e-mail [warren.baker@uncp.edu](mailto:warren.baker@uncp.edu). ■

# UNCP art professor awarded a Fulbright fellowship

An associate professor of art, **Dr. John Antoine Labadie**, is spending the fall 2005 semester as a visiting professor at the National Chengchi University (NCCU) in Taipei, Taiwan.

NCCU is a comprehensive university consisting of nine colleges, 33 departments and 42 graduate institutes (all have master's programs; 29 offer doctoral programs, and 14 provide degree programs for working students). NCCU awards diplomas to approximately 3,000 students annually.

Based on his strong art exhibition and academic record, Dr. Labadie was awarded a prestigious Fulbright fellowship to teach and conduct research abroad. Named for the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, the program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and Center for the International Exchange of Scholars. Its mission is to foster international understanding through scholarly exchange.

Going halfway around the world to the National Chengchi University — a university without a visual arts program — is the perfect place to peer over the edge of the digital planet, Dr. Labadie said.

"Working at NCCU allows me to



integrate the study and practice of digital arts with academic programs in advertising, information technology, education and business," he said. "Their university is also in the process of forming a digital academy, so I have been asked to offer my experience and insight into integrating digital across disciplines."

Taiwan is a good setting for a digital project, Dr. Labadie said.

"A lot of things I want to experience firsthand are going on in Taiwan," he said. "Taiwan is well on its way to becoming almost entirely digital and is, in some ways, a model for education transforming culture.

"As an example of this, one of the stated goals of NCCU is the ability to recognize and respond to changes shaping society and academia," he added. "I think their desire to integrate digital visual arts into their other studies through the Fulbright program is proof of this."

Dr. Labadie is the director of UNCP's Digital Academy (DA). The DA develops and promotes activities that bring together scholars from across campus who foster various creative uses of digital technologies.

The academy also recognizes the reality of the rapidly changing and expanding technological landscape and promotes,

establishes, activates and focuses on acquiring digital knowledge, disseminating digital knowledge and modeling professional digital practice. Since 1997, first as the Media Integration Project, UNCP's Digital Academy has stimulated new courses that integrate digital media in many departments, including art, music, philosophy, sociology and literature. A new Media Integration Studies minor will be available to all UNCP students beginning this fall.

At NCCU this fall, Dr. Labadie will teach "Digital Art: Media, Practices and Techniques" to both undergraduate and graduate students, lecture at other institutions and exhibit his work in various venues in Taipei and elsewhere.

Trained in painting, psychology and art education, Dr. Labadie joined the Art Department faculty in 1994. He is founder of the digital arts program and co-founder, along with Larry Arnold of the Music Department and George Johnson of the Department of Mass Communications, of the Digital Academy.

For more information about the Digital Academy, call (910) 521-6216 or e-mail [john.labadie@uncp.edu](mailto:john.labadie@uncp.edu). ■



## Dr. Jesse Peters appointed dean of Honors College



This fall, a record freshmen class of 31 students greeted new University Honors College (UHC) Dean Jesse Peters. The largest class of the four-year-old Honors College also brought some outstanding SAT scores.

Dr. Peters, who joined the faculty of the English, Theatre and Languages Department in 1999, was appointed dean of the University Honors College this summer by Chancellor Meadors.

"It's vital for the University to have a leader who is known as an outstanding scholar and teacher to provide continuing leadership for the Honors College," Chancellor Meadors said. "Dr. Peters brings proven leadership and an intense commitment to academic quality to this position."

The Honors College was founded in 2001 to promote scholarly growth and personal development of outstanding students, who are provided personal enrichment opportunities and an enhanced curriculum. Dr. Peters said he would like to see Honors College students become leaders on and off campus.

"I am really going to push student involvement with the campus and the world. I would like to see honors students participating in cultural events, student leadership and community service," he said. "I also would like to see our students

take advantage of opportunities to study and travel abroad. That kind of experience can really change someone's life."

The Honors Council, composed of faculty and administrators, advises the college. Dr. Peters said he would like to take campus participation in the UHC one step further.

"I want to explore the idea of establishing an honors faculty the way we have graduate school faculty," he said. "This would ensure that we have faculty interested in the development of curriculum that would enhance the program."

Dr. Peters said recruitment also figures into his plan for the Honors College.

"I would like to raise admissions standards while, at the same time, maintain a good flow of applicants," he said. "Part of that will be a big recruiting effort. I want to travel throughout North Carolina and meet with high school students."

Inheriting a sound program is part of the reason Dr. Peters is confident that he can build on the program and raise standards.

"Picking up from the Chancellor's Scholars program, Dr. Carolyn Thompson established a solid program as founding dean of the college," he said. "I know I can't do it all in a semester, but I am honored to be selected for the job, and I will do my best. The main thing is to ensure that the students have the best experience possible."

One of UNCP's most popular professors, Dr. Peters was 2004-2005 chair of the Faculty Senate; he also chaired the 2004-2005 Campus Appeals Board. He is a contributing editor of *Pembroke Magazine*, UNCP's 37-year-old literary journal, and will be guest-editing the 2006 issue. The issue will have a special section focused on Native American literature.

A graduate of Emory University, Dr. Peters received his master of arts degree and Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. His specialty areas are Native American and modern literature. ■

## Retired Professor Elizabeth Kuo dies

Dr. Elizabeth H. Kuo, Professor Emerita of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, died July 17, 2005. Dr. Kuo joined the faculty in 1967. She was 70.



A native of Taiwan, Dr. Kuo was preceded in death by her husband, David, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Biology, who joined the faculty in 1966. He died in 2002.

Survivors include a daughter, Suzanne Percy; a son, Henry; four brothers; and two grandchildren. ■

## Dr. Kania publishes book

Dr. Richard Kania, chair of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department, published his latest book, "The 1605 Weymouth



Expedition to the Coast of Maine: An Assessment of the Rosier Text." The book sheds a little more light on how Native Americans lived in pre-colonial times before disease and conquest forever obliterated their societies.

To write the book, Kania said he collected evidence on and off for more than 30 years about herding and dairy production in Native America. He wrote the book in spring 2005 while serving as a senior Fulbright professor in Belarus.

For information on acquiring copies, contact Carolina Press at [karo1942@alltel.net](mailto:karo1942@alltel.net). ■

# Football era kicked-off with massive pep rally

The “First and Ten: Campaign for Football and Athletic Excellence” kicked off September 22 to a boisterous crowd of about 1,500. The pep rally, featuring UNCP’s marching band, cheerleaders and dance team, launched a much-anticipated \$4 million fund-raising campaign, the largest in University history.

Kelvin Sampson, University of Oklahoma basketball coach and native son, and NFL great Dwight Clark were introduced as honorary co-chairs of the campaign. They proved able spokesmen for UNCP and football.

Chancellor Meadors, who set the stage for football to return to UNCP after more than 50 years, announced Davidson College as a tentative September 1, 2007 first opponent.

Sampson, a two-sport star and 1978 graduate, said starting a football team is a “gutsy move.” “I see this as a real positive for the University,” he said. “Everybody has to embrace it. Go, Braves!”

Clark, the former San Francisco 49ers wide receiver who will forever be known for making “the catch” that beat the Dallas Cowboys, listed some of the challenges.

“This is going to help recruiting for all sports,” he said. “But you’ve got to have a great facility, the best, and we’ll have to raise funds to do it.”

Sampson said football will lift all boats at the University and in the community. “Football will have an economic impact, a social impact and a perceptual impact,” he said. “Imagine what Homecoming will be like.”

As one of the most successful basketball coaches in America, Sampson knows a lot about building athletic programs. He said football has great potential for success at the University.



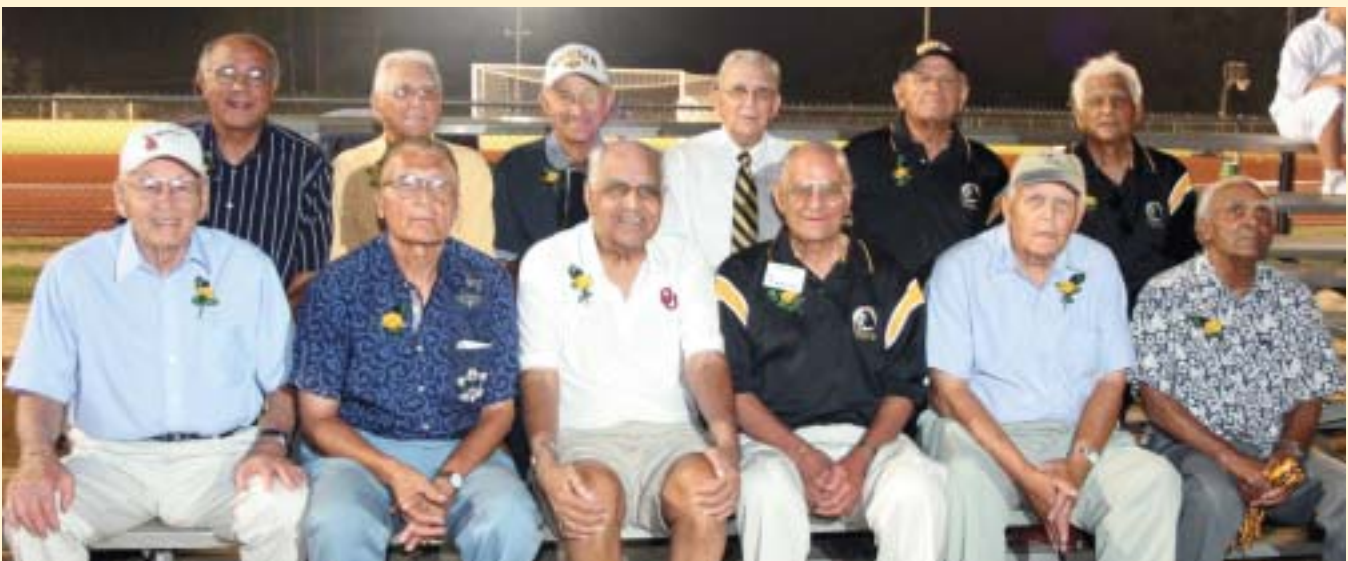
UNCP Chancellor Meadors addresses the crowd.



Kelvin Sampson, co-chair of the Campaign for Football.



Dwight Clark, co-chair of the Campaign for Football.

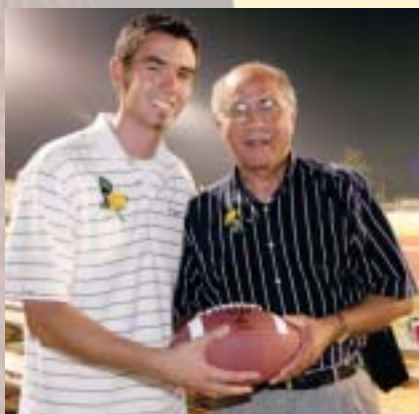


Members of the 1947-51 UNCP football team: Front row, from left, Curt Locklear Sr., James C. Dial, John W. “Ned” Sampson, Thomas Oxendine, Vincent Lowry and Talmadge Locklear; back row, from left, Jesse E. Oxendine, Monroe Lowry, Louis Oxendine, Delton Ray Locklear, Robert Oxendine and Fred Locklear.

## Football Kick-off

“UNCP has the potential to become a great football power,” he said. “The most important entity in the whole football scene is the student body. It has to have unconditional support from the students.”

Students have played a key role in setting the stage for the return of football, Chancellor Meadors said. “Our students didn’t just say, ‘yes’ ... they said, ‘heck, yes,’” he said. “Our football team will need the very best we can provide. The good news is the money is here. The bad news is it’s still in your wallets.”



SGA President Marko Gospojevic catches a ceremonial touchdown pass from Jesse Oxendine, a member of the 1947-1951 football teams.

SGA President Marko Gospojevic caught a ceremonial touchdown pass from Jesse Oxendine, a quarterback from UNCP’s 1947-1951 football teams. Twelve football players from the University’s golden age of football returned for the kickoff celebration, including Sampson’s father, Ned, who was the first person inducted into the UNCP Athletic Hall of Fame.

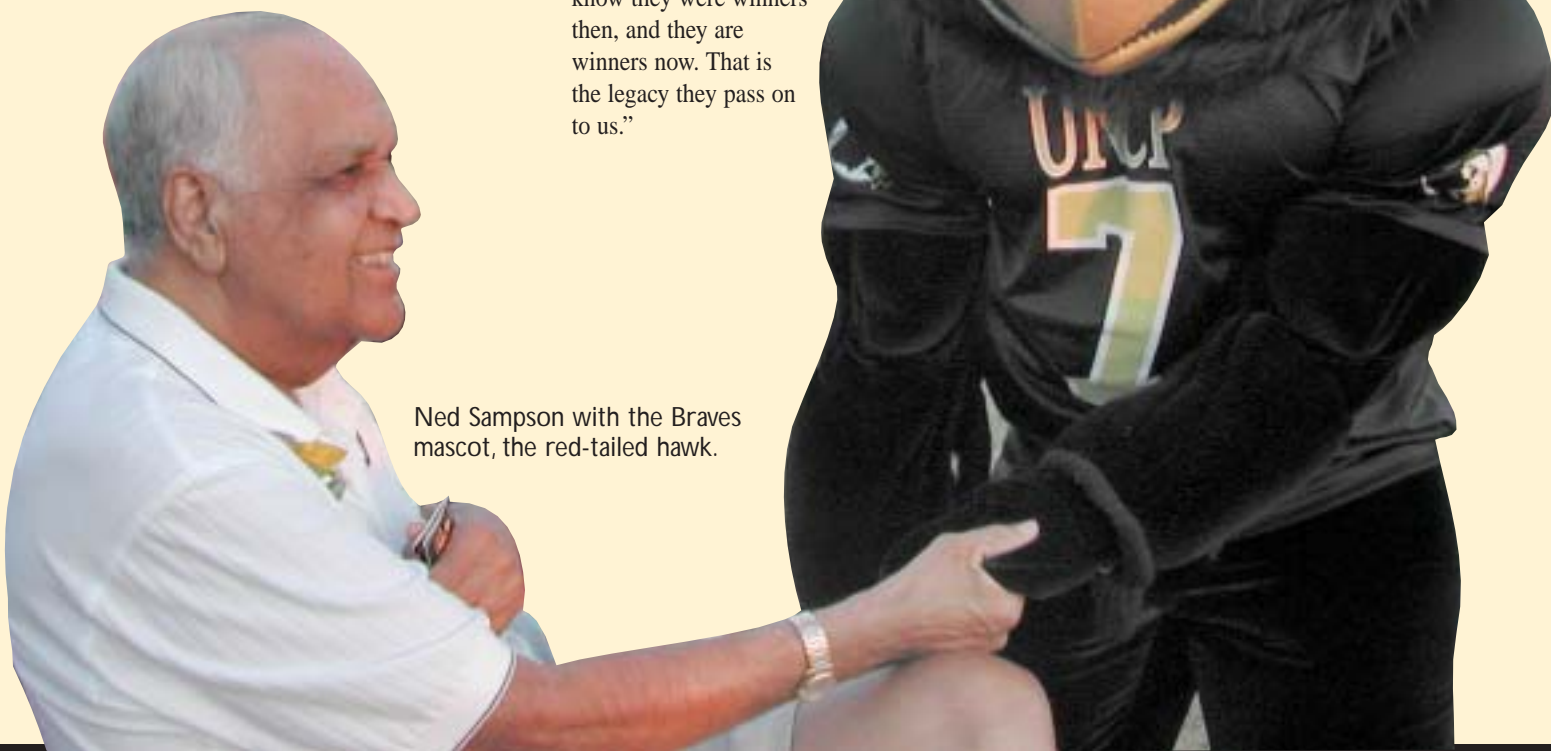
Other former football players honored during the kickoff included James C. Dial, Curt Locklear Sr., Delton Ray Locklear, Talmadge Locklear, Monroe Lowry, Robert Oxendine, Tom Oxendine, Louis Oxendine, Vincent Lowry and James A. Jones. Talmadge Locklear, a team member from the Prospect community, came to see history in the making.

“We had some good ones,” he said. “I only weighed 125 pounds, but I loved to hit those big boys.”

Chancellor Meadors praised the early Braves. “Our football teams from this era had a reputation for being hard-hitting and for winning,” he said. “When you meet them today, you know they were winners then, and they are winners now. That is the legacy they pass on to us.”

In the morning, Sampson and Clark taped a segment of “Inside Athletics” and promotional spots at WNCP-TV studios. They met with the press, signed autographs and played golf with prospective donors in the afternoon. ■

**For information on the Campaign for Football, see page 17.**



Ned Sampson with the Braves mascot, the red-tailed hawk.

## WHAT IS THE ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN?

More than ever, contributions from alumni, friends and the parents of current students are essential to the quality of our academic programs, and they ensure that students are afforded the best experience at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. What you probably didn't know is that, although UNC Pembroke is a state-funded institution, there are many restrictions placed on how state money can be used, and with state budget cuts, even those funds are limited.

The UNCP Annual Fund Campaign reaches out to alumni, friends and parents of current students for help. Money raised by the campaign helps to pay for scholarships, student travel to conferences, guest speakers and lecturers, classroom materials, and other projects on campus that affect the educational experience of students.

### Where Do Gifts From The Annual Fund Help?

- Student Programming and Operations
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- Program Initiatives
- Program Development
- Student Scholarships and Off-Campus Learning Opportunities
- Faculty and Staff Development



**Natalie Dies**

#### **Natalie Dies**

"As a member of the varsity tennis team and an athletic training student, I've had some great opportunities, and it has made my time at UNCP a memorable experience. However, it would not have been possible without the help of my tennis and academic scholarships – the Ramond Hagmeier and Cecil A. and Frances Butler endowments."



**Lee Nejberger**

#### **Lee Nejberger**

"I am proud of what I have been able to achieve because of UNC Pembroke. If not for the scholarships I've received, I might not have been able to attend college. Also, the scholarships will continue to help me after graduation because I will not be in debt with student loans. This will give me a great jump start to my career. I'm grateful for the opportunities UNCP has provided, and I hope you will support the Alumni Annual Fund Campaign."



**Dominique Mack**

#### **Dominique Mack**

"As a rising junior at UNCP and a member of many student organizations, I've seen firsthand how student programs can affect the success of our students in a positive way. By supporting the UNCP Annual Fund, you're helping to ensure that our students develop into lifelong successes."

Remember, the gift you make could enhance the quality of education our students receive, and provide opportunities for students who might not have had the resources to achieve a college education. Also, remember that when you invest in The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, you are investing in the quality of your own education. As the University grows and offers better programs and services, and becomes more recognized throughout the nation, it increases the value of your degree.

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## UNCP grad establishes Air Force ROTC scholarship

Stacy Locklear Jr. was like a lot of students headed for college.

"I was really unsure what I wanted to do," Locklear said. "I went with my dad to the Air Force ROTC recruiter's office, and we sat down and talked."

A career began that day. Today, Major Stacy Locklear Jr. is a 16-year veteran Air Force scientist stationed at Fort Belvoir in Alexandria, Va. Locklear, who grew up in the Town of Pembroke and comes from a family of UNCP graduates, established an endowed scholarship for students in the ROTC program.

"UNCP's low tuition and ROTC is a unique combination," he said. "The ROTC program gave me focus, and chemistry gave me a career."

Locklear brought his family to UNCP on August 15 to visit and finalize the scholarship agreement. His family includes

wife Missy and daughters Kayla, 8, and Kyra, 7; parents Betty '72 and Stacy Sr. '62; and sister Nan Locklear.

The endowment, a perpetual scholarship fund, is named the Stacy Ryan Locklear Air Force ROTC Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of the major's son, who profoundly affected the lives of his father, family members and friends. Ryan was a vibrant 3-year-old who passed away unexpectedly July 25, 2004.

Chancellor Meadors was on hand for the signing of the scholarship agreement.

"This is truly a great day for the University," Chancellor Meadors said. "When successful graduates return to their University to help our students financially, a circle is completed. It is a great honor to meet Stacy Locklear and his family and, on behalf of the University, I thank them."

Locklear works in research and development at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. He received his master's degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, when he was stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He is a 1985 graduate of West Robeson High School and a 1989 graduate of UNCP.

The scholarship was established with an initial gift of \$8,000. It will be awarded annually to an American Indian student from Robeson County participating in the Air Force ROTC program at UNCP who maintains a 3.0 grade point average and demonstrates financial need.

For questions about contributing to this or other scholarships, call the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6252, or e-mail [advancement@uncp.edu](mailto:advancement@uncp.edu). ■



ROTC scholarship presentation: Back row, from left, Missy Locklear, Stacy Locklear Jr. '89, Chancellor Meadors, Betty Locklear '72, Stacy Locklear Sr. '62 and Nan Locklear; front row, from left, Kayla Locklear and Kyra Locklear. The late Stacy Ryan Locklear is in the photo.

## Art professor creates scholarship at UNCP

“It’s not easy to be an artist, and this scholarship is one way I can help,” said Paul Van Zandt.

Van Zandt, who is in his 37th year of teaching art at UNCP, created a scholarship that will make it easier for art students to succeed. In July, he established the Paul Van Zandt Endowed Scholarship in Art.

“If they are serious about their craft, every effort should be made to help students achieve their goals,” he said. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a studio art major with a 3.0 or better grade point average.

Van Zandt launched the scholarship with more than \$3,000, in part from a commission on a bronze statue sold this summer and from contributions from family members and colleagues. It will be endowed as a permanent scholarship when it reaches \$5,000.

Van Zandt appreciates UNCP’s history of educating many first-generation college students.

“I was a green kid from Oklahoma, and I was the first in my family to get a college degree,” he said. “I understand our students, and if you can help a student who has a passion for art, that’s a good thing.”

Van Zandt is proud of the University’s history and values his long relationship.

“I have spent 36 years here, and this institution has allowed me to grow and develop as a professor and an artist,” he said. “The scholarship is a way to give back.”



Van Zandt has made many contributions to UNCP over the years. He was chair of the Art Department for 32 years, and he crafted three landmark bronze statues, including one of University founder Hamilton McMillan. The sculptor maintains a busy studio at his Red Springs, N.C., home. He retired in 2004 and continues to teach two classes per semester.

“I finished a garden piece in June, and I’m working on two projects now,” he said.

For more information about the Paul Van Zandt Endowed Scholarship in Art or other giving opportunities at UNCP, call the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6252 or e-mail [advancement@uncp.edu](mailto:advancement@uncp.edu). ■



**Dr. Mohammad Ashraf**, a faculty member in the School of Business, has created a scholarship for business students choosing the field of economics as their major. Two separate \$250 awards will be given each semester to top students. The scholarship honors Dr. Ashraf’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mohammed Ismail, who assisted with and encouraged his pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. An economist, Dr. Ashraf joined the faculty in 1999.



**Dr. Enrique Porrúa**, a professor in the English, Theatre and Languages Department, established an annual scholarship to honor his grandfather, José Porrúa Turanzas, who dedicated his life to promoting Hispanic culture and made significant contributions to Hispanic studies through his intense editorial work in Spain and Mexico. This memorial scholarship is intended to encourage academic excellence among students with a declared major or minor in Spanish and to provide financial assistance (up to \$500).

## Two major gifts launch 'First and Ten: Campaign for Football'

Thanks to two major gifts, "First and Ten: Campaign for Football" is no longer deep in its own territory. In the weeks leading up to the kick-off, Lumbee Guaranty Bank of Pembroke and 1968 graduate Mac Campbell each announced large gifts.

The bank and its CEO, Larry Chavis '72, pledged \$500,000, the largest corporate gift in University history. The field at Belk Athletic Complex will be named Lumbee Guaranty Bank Field. The Wellness Center at the Jones Athletic Center will be named in honor of Campbell and his wife, Sylvia, who contributed an undisclosed amount. Chavis and Lumbee Bank have long histories with the University.

"The University has touched the lives of most of the people in this community and in surrounding communities," Chavis said. "My parents were both graduates, and my daughter and son also attended UNCP. My father played sports at the University in the 1940s when football was played."

Chavis said the bank's board of directors believes football will be good for the University and the community.

"Our directors wanted to be an important part of football at the University," he said. "We look forward to a long-term relationship, and we're very excited about football."



Larry Chavis '72



Mac Campbell '68

Lumbee Bank is also a home-grown success story. Founded in 1971, it was the nation's first American Indian-owned bank. It has \$172 million in assets, \$152 million in deposits and 1,800 stockholders. The bank has historic ties to the University: The late John Robert Jones, another founder, is the father of UNCP Trustee and bank director Sybil Bullard.

"There are many ties between the community and the University. My mother is a graduate, and my father attended the University," Bullard said. "Lumbee Guaranty is a community bank, and our concern is the success of our community. This gift reinforces our commitment to the community."

Chancellor Meadors thanked the bank and its directors.

"This is truly a great day for football and a great day in the history of the University," Chancellor Meadors said. "The community told us they wanted a football

team, and Lumbee Guaranty Bank has stepped up to the plate."

Mac Campbell is a former Trustee of the University and former president of the Braves Club.

"I have a long history with the school," he said. "The leadership of the Chancellor and (Athletic Director) Dan Kenney had a great deal to do with my decision."

Chancellor Meadors said Campbell is a true friend of the University.

"This donation is significant because of its size and because it comes from Mac Campbell and his wife," Chancellor Meadors said. "The Campbell's generous gift is tangible evidence that UNC Pembroke's football campaign is important to the citizens of our region. We are most grateful for this gift that will greatly benefit the University and its local community of Pembroke."

Campbell went to work in his father's petroleum distribution business "as soon as I was old enough to drive a truck," he said. Campbell Oil and Gas Company was founded by his father in 1950, and three of Campbell's sons work in the business. The company has grown, with offices spread out over much of eastern North Carolina and as far away as Raleigh. Campbell Oil is a diversified distributor of petroleum products that also owns and operates 18 convenience stores. ■

For information on the Campaign Kick-off Celebration, see page 12.

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# alumni

## Greetings, Alumni



Great things are happening at the University. As your Alumni Association president, I am able to witness these things firsthand. In August, UNC Pembroke welcomed 985 freshman (30 percent more than last year) to campus, bringing the total enrollment to more than 5,600, a 12-percent increase over last year. The University continues to grow more beautiful and welcoming each year. Moore and Locklear Halls are being renovated, and a new bookstore is being built. The Campaign for Football is under way, and a coach will be hired by the first of the year.

While I am sure that great things will continue to happen at UNCP, I know that they can only happen with the help of its alumni. As alumni, we need to spread the news about UNCP's achievements and goals and help recruit new students. Those who live locally need to volunteer just a couple of hours of their time on campus. The easiest way to help UNCP is to be there. Voice your opinion when asked. Attend campus events.

The Alumni Association sponsors about a dozen events each year. Two of our major events include: the Legacy Banquet on October 8, and Homecoming, February 3-4, 2006. During the Legacy Banquet, freshmen whose parents graduated from UNCP were recognized and given a special legacy pin.

This pin symbolizes the great pride and loyalty that their families have for the University. Homecoming is a time when all alumni, students and community members come together to celebrate UNCP and its traditions. I encourage each of you to participate in at least one alumni event this upcoming year. It is never too soon, nor is it too late to get involved and reconnected with UNCP. Give it a try. I promise you won't be disappointed.

To keep informed about what is taking place at UNCP and with the Alumni Association, visit [www.uncp.edu](http://www.uncp.edu) and [www.uncp.edu/alumni](http://www.uncp.edu/alumni).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffery Alejandro".

Dr. Jeffery Alejandro '95  
Alumni Association President

## Brayboy '64 to be inducted into N.C. High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame

Tim Brayboy, veteran public school administrator and longtime athletic official, has been selected for induction into the N.C. High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) Hall of Fame.

Brayboy, a member of UNCP's Athletic Hall of Fame, will be honored during the halftime of UNC-Chapel Hill's football game with Maryland on November 12. The official induction will take place next spring during a banquet at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. Brayboy, who lives in Cary, is also a member of the N.C. Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame.

"I think this ranks at the top of any awards I have received," he said. "If you look at the who's who in athletics in North Carolina, the people on the wall in the

NCHSAA office, I never imagined I would one day be on that wall. I read about these people and heard about these people. Being beside them now is a tremendous honor."

After three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Brayboy enrolled at UNCP and earned his degree in health and physical education. He taught and coached until 1972, when he took a job with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction as director of middle and junior high school athletics. He remained in that position until 1995.

One of his major accomplishments since retiring was co-writing a book in 2002, "Playing Before an Overflow Crowd," with Bruce Barton about the history of the Indian basketball league in Robeson and surrounding counties. ■



From left, Floyd Locklear, 2nd vice president of the UNCP Alumni Association, and Natasha Tajman and Jennifer Clary, members of the new Student Alumni Association, hand out pizza during the freshman move-in August 16.

## Col. Allen Jamerson '86 takes new command

With a promotion in the ranks of the U.S. Air Force, Col. Allen "AJ" Jamerson '86 took command of the 90th Security Forces Group at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., on April 28. He commands 1,150 service men and women who protect the nuclear-armed intercontinental ballistic missiles vital to national security.

Col. Jamerson started his career in UNCP's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). In an interview this fall, Col. Jamerson said his new command is challenging.

"This is the greatest challenge of my career," he said. "A nuclear mission and 1,150 people you are you responsible for every day is a challenge, and every day, our men step up to the challenge."

A high school graduate from Raleigh, Col. Jamerson stepped up to the challenge of college at UNCP.



"I had never heard of Pembroke," he said. "My dad insisted we go down and visit, and the rest is history. It was small, but a good fit for me. The faculty in Sociology/Criminal Justice, like John Bowman, Frank Schmallegger and John Rimborg, turned me around. The best thing about Pembroke was the family atmosphere. You knew everybody."

Col. Jamerson earned two undergraduate degrees at UNCP: the first in sociology and criminal justice in 1983 and the second in social work in 1986. It was in ROTC that he found inspiration and a career.

"The most influential figure in my life at that time was Capt. Eugene Jones," he said. "I credit the success in my career to his influence."

Because he has family in the Carolinas, Col. Jamerson visits UNCP. He attended Homecoming 2004. "I am amazed at the growth of the place," he said.

Col. Jamerson is married to the former Charmaine M. Lawrence of Kingston, Jamaica. They have two children, Jerard, 15, and Miki, 14. Col. Jamerson may be contacted via e-mail at [ajamerso@earthlink.net](mailto:ajamerso@earthlink.net). ■

## Sandy Beach Carter '94 takes over as arts supervisor

Sandy Beach Carter has been named arts education supervisor for the Public Schools of Robeson County. In her new position, she supervises a wide variety of visual and performing arts programs at 40 schools with 90 teachers and 24,000 students. Things are going well.

"There weren't many holes to plug, so I am working to expand programs as much as possible. It has not been a difficult transition at all," she said.

Carter, who taught visual arts for 11 years at Lumberton High School, is an advocate for arts education.

"After years of advocating for arts with my principals, I now have to advocate for the entire cultural arts

program," she said. "One of my objectives is to get cultural arts to students early, often."

A Cincinnati, Ohio, native, she is married to John Carter, Robeson County District Court judge, and they have four children. Carter is working toward a master's degree in art education at UNCP.

"It's going very well," she said. "I would have finished this year, but with my new responsibilities, I am going to take it a little slower."

As a student and an artist, Carter is a printmaker.

"I studied with Ralph Steeds, who is a fabulous teacher and artist," she said. ■



## 1960s

**David Birdsong '62** is teaching English in Vera Cruz, Mexico.

**Judy Miller '64** joined Jim Perry and Company as a sales associate in real estate after retiring from Dare County Schools (N.C.) with 33 years of service in January 2000.

**Joe Gallagher '68** is assistant coach for the Philadelphia 76ers. He is married to Sharon Gallagher, and they have one daughter, Mary Christine.

## 1970s



**Ray Lewis '70** was named general director of the Board of Retirement and Insurance of the National Association of

Free Will Baptists. He assumed the director's position August 1. He is a 1976 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and attended graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University. He and his wife, Ida, have two children, Chris and Kelly.

**Charles Paris Jr. '70** retired as a credit union examiner. His youngest son, Andrew, is a freshman at UNCP. The family resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**Jeff Spielman '71** retired as head boys' basketball coach at Hancock High School in Maryland. Jeff coached basketball for 31 years and began his 35th year this fall as an elementary physical education teacher. He is also a certified athletic administrator.

**Susan Butler Carter '75** is celebrating a UNCP legacy, as her son, Jordan, enrolled at the University this fall on a baseball scholarship. Her oldest son, Brett, graduated from NC State University in December 2004.

**Bruce Jeter '79** is employed with the Department of Defense Education Activity as superintendent. He supervises schools in Puerto Rico, Cuba, West Point, Dalhgren and Quantico, VA. He received his master's degree in physical education and administration from Campbell University in 1985 and his doctorate in administration from Campbell University in 1991. He and his wife, Linda, have two children, Lindsay, a freshman at UNCP, and Jamison, a rising sophomore at Jack Britt High School in Fayetteville, N.C.

## 1980s

**Michael Dunavan '80** and Chrissy Dunavan welcomed their third child, Daren Joseph, born Aug. 5, 2004. Daren joins older siblings Zach and Sarah. Michael is employed with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools as a sixth-grade social studies teacher.

**David McAllister '81** is a graduate of the N.C. School of Banking at UNC-Chapel Hill. He is employed with BB&T as a business banker in Clayton, N.C.



Wright and **Ila Killian '83** celebrated the birth of their sixth grandchild, Macy Elisabeth, on June 1, 2005. Both Ila and

Wright are employed with UNCP. Ila is assistant vice chancellor for Business Affairs, and Wright is a Professor Emeritus in the Psychology Department.

**Marie Long '84** received National Board Certification in Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood. She is employed with Harnett County Schools as an exceptional children's teacher. Marie resides in Bunnlevel, N.C., with her daughter.



**Delois Hines Williams '84** is employed with UNCP as a library assistant in media cataloging.

**Evan Davenport '86** is quality/safety health and environmental manager at Unilever in Raeford, N.C.

**Bennie McFarland '86** works with MCI as a senior engineer. He resides in Raleigh, N.C.

**Angela Crosby '88** is owner/director of Cozy Corner Child Development Center in Fayetteville, N.C.

**The Rev. Ed Drew '88** serves as minister at Eureka United Methodist Church. He is also a religion instructor at Pitt Community College in Greenville, N.C. He is in the process of publishing a children's book titled "Let the Little Children Come Unto Me." He resides in Eureka, N.C.

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## 1980s continued

**Wendy Meares Cashion '89** received her Certification of Waste Water Analyst II. She works for the City of Charlotte, N.C. as a lab analyst.

**Haywood Leon Crudup '89** is employed with the U.S. Air Force as department chair of the Space Superiority Program Branch. He resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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## 1990s

**Marsha Brenes '91** assumed duties as director of Early Beginnings Child Development Center after teaching school for 14 years. Her spouse, Robert, is tennis director at a country club. They have three children, Spencer, 14; Mason, 7; and Luke, 2. The family resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**Greg Sampson '91** was named Teacher of the Year at Purnell Swett High School (N.C.). He teaches ninth-grade English and also teaches part time for UNCP.

**Carey Chambers '92** works for TAF Environmental, Safety & Controls as senior vice president of operations. He resides in Charlotte, N.C.

**Gregory Cox '92** is a systems analyst with Westat. He resides in Germantown, Md.

**Joe Little '92** works with Chatham County Schools (N.C.) as a physical education teacher and wrestling coach. He taught with the Durham Public Schools for 12 years. He is married to Carrie Little, a principal in the same school system. They have two children, Hunter, 6, and Tanner, 2.

**Johanna Moore '92** is employed with Native Angels Hospice as a lead social worker. She has been married to Luther Moore for 26 years. They have five children, **Ryan Camille '03**; Everette, a 2004 NC State University graduate; Hannah, a rising sophomore at UNCP; Luke, a rising freshman at NC State University; and Quentin, a sixth-grader at Prospect School. They also have one grandchild, Logan, 5.

**Willette Oxendine '92** is enrolled in the MPA program at UNCP. She is employed with Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina as a social worker.

**Bryan Whitlow '92** and his wife, Cassie, welcomed the birth of their first child, Miles Preston, on May 7, 2005. Bryan is employed with Freightliner LLC as an inventory control specialist. The family resides in Mooresville, N.C.

**Sandra Beach Carter '94** is arts education supervisor for the Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.). She taught at Lumberton High School for 11 years.

**Greg Kealey '94** celebrated with wife, Annette, and big sister, Emma Grace, the birth of their son, Jack Darby, on June 17, 2005. Greg is employed with SunTrust Bank as vice president of commercial banking. The family resides in Jupiter, Fla.

**Neil Smith '94** welcomed the birth of his second daughter, Natalie Carolina, on April 15, 2005. His oldest daughter, Kelsey Marie, is 7. Neil is employed with Braveheart Medical Transport Inc. as vice president. The family resides in Laurinburg, N.C.

**Lezlie Woods '94** and **Jennings Jacobs '97** were married on June 18, 2005. Lezlie works for the Public Schools of Robeson County, and Jennings works for Boles Funeral Home of Red Springs, N.C.

**Sonja Jamison '95** and Richard Hanner were married on June 25, 2005. The couple resides in Lumberton, N.C.

**Christine Romine '96** and Brantley Clifton Jr. were married on June 5, 2005. Christine is employed with Sandhills Theater Arts Renaissance School as a kindergarten teacher. The couple resides in Pinehurst, N.C.

**Patrick LaShawn Lewis '96** and Tywana Locklear were married on May 14, 2005, in Lumberton, N.C. Patrick is employed with the Robeson County magistrate's office, and Tywana attends UNCP and works for the Lumberton Correctional Institution.



**Alan Nielson '96** welcomed his first son, Dylan Jon, on Jan. 24, 2005. Dylan weighed in at 6 lbs., 1oz. Alan is employed with East Carolina University as coordinator of aquatics.



**Hal Sargent '96** is director of percussion at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh, N.C.

**Dominique Galloway '97** is a senior service claim adjuster with Allstate Insurance Company. She resides in Durham, N.C.



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## 1990s continued

**Anthony Mace '97** returned from Iraq in Jan. 2005. He is pursuing a career in government after separating from the U.S. Army, where he served as an armor and then as an intelligence officer. He is expecting his first son in Dec. 2005.

**Stephanie Brooks Chavis '98** and husband Scottie welcomed their first baby, Samantha Brooke, on June 16, 2005. She weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. Stephanie is an oncology therapist with Southeastern Regional Medical Center. The family resides in Hope Mills, N.C.

**Valerie Harris '98** and husband Chuck had their first child, Kassie Layne, on Feb. 20, 2005. The couple opened their own business, Robeson County Sporting Clays.

**Chad Morgan '98** was named assistant principal at Chatham Middle School (N.C.) in June 2005. He is enrolled in graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

**Melissa Groves '99** is employed with IBM as a Web designer. She resides in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

**Stacey Jackson '99** is employed with the Lumber River (N.C.) Council of Governments as a youth program specialist.



**Tonya Harris Jacobs '99** and husband Kelvin welcomed the birth of their second child, Kaley Halena, on Sept. 21, 2004. Their first child, Kaden Hunter, is 4 years old.

Tonya is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.) as a teacher assistant and is working on her master's degree in art education.

**Renee Merion '99** and husband Dan celebrated the birth of their son, Bennett Joseph, on June 22, 2005. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

**Deidra Miller '99** is an operations supervisor for Liverpool Central Schools. She resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

**Warren Sealey '99** works with Perot Systems Government Systems as an analyst in Washington, D.C.



**Traci '99** and **Greg Williams '90** announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Renee, born in

Dec. 2004. Traci is a language arts teacher with Scotland County Schools, and Greg teaches and coaches football at Richmond Senior High. The family resides in Laurinburg, N.C.



**Meki Jacobs Graham '01** and **Haynes Graham '91** welcomed the birth of their first child, Haynes Ayden, on Aug. 1, 2005.

He weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

**Alycia Revels '01** and **Timothy Ryan Revels '99** announce the birth of their son, Andon Riley, on Feb. 9, 2005. Alycia is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.) as a teacher, and Ryan works for Robeson Health Care Corporation.

**Jason Atkinson '02** earned his master of arts in education degree in instructional technology from East Carolina University in 2004. He is completing work on his master of arts in music education at UNCP. He resides in Dublin, N.C.

**Jessica Cash '02** is employed with the Boys & Girls Club as a youth development professional. She resides in Benson, N.C.

**Velveta Johnson-Dupree '02** works at North Elementary School in Laurinburg, N.C., as a pre-kindergarten teacher. She has been employed with Scotland County Schools since 2004.

**Dorothy McFalls Loeffler '02** is a TMD teacher for Cumberland County Schools (N.C.).

**Heather Davis '03** and **Joseph Williams '03** were married on June 11, 2005. Heather works for the Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.), and Joseph works for Walgreens. The couple resides in Fairmont, N.C.

**Alexander Hall '03** works with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) as a program associate. He resides in Woodbridge, Va.

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## 2000s

**Brantley Bass '00** is employed with IBM. She resides in Durham, N.C.

**Belinda Hammonds-Rose '00** received her MBA from the University of Phoenix online. She is employed with Mountaire Farms as accounting manager. She resides in Lumberton, N.C.

**Emily Love Jones '00** is employed with East Carolina University as a global classroom video producer. She is married to **Channing Jones '99**, and they reside in New Bern, N.C.

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## 2000s continued

**John Jones '03** was named assistant vice president of administration at Bragg Mutual Federal Credit Union in Fayetteville, N.C. He oversees the areas of security, membership and Internet banking.

**Jessica Reed '03** is employed with Codrington Elementary School (N.C.) as a third-grade teacher.

**Genale Stephens '03** is attending Webster University in Myrtle Beach, S.C., to pursue her graduate degree in human resource development and management leadership. She has a 20-month-old daughter, Chloé Renee.

**Melissa Stricklin '03** and Gary Cox were married on June 4, 2005. Melissa works for Orrum Middle School, and Gary is self-employed. The couple lives in Lumberton, N.C.

**Jenni Wood '03** works with Freedom Furniture and Electronics as national director of marketing. She resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Lauren Young '03** and husband Brett announced the birth of their baby, Emily Miranda, on May 28, 2005. She is the younger sibling of Abigail Grace, born on Oct. 23, 2001. Lauren is an English teacher for the Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.).

**Ryan Young '03** was awarded a life-saving award by the City of Graham, Texas. He is a police officer for the Graham Police Department.

**Eric Cuffe '04** is a math teacher with Scotland County Schools. He resides in Laurinburg, N.C.

**Amy Freeman '04** and Steven West were married on June 11, 2005. Amy is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County (N.C.), and Steven works for Wesco Contracting. The couple resides in Lumberton, N.C.

**Henry Gibbs Jr. '04** is a police officer with the Town of Wendell, N.C.

**David Kernodle '04** is a reporter with News 14. He resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Michael Melton '04** and Jennifer Rose were married on April 30, 2005. Michael works for Allen Orthopedics, and Jennifer works for the Bladen County Health Department (N.C.).

**Peggy Schaefer '04** was promoted to deputy director of operations with the N.C. Justice Academy in Salemburg, N.C.

**Calvin Webster '04** is enrolled in Duke University's certificate program in nonprofit management while serving as an Americorps VISTA, North Carolina Campus Compact at North Carolina Central University in its Academic Community Service Learning Program.

**Lawrence Yarnall '04** is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, as a platoon leader for a forward support company in a supply and transportation platoon.

**Kevin Beck (CE)\*** works at Criswell Honda as a sales consultant in Germantown, Md.

**Khaleelah Gantt '05** works with Mecklenburg County (N.C.) Department of Social Services' Youth and Family Services Division as a permanency planning social worker.

**Scott Graham '05** is assistant athletic director for Clinton (N.C.) Parks and Recreation.

**Kevin McCollin '05** is employed with the U.S. Army as a paramedic in Utah.

## In Loving Memory

**Mary Elizabeth Jones Brayboy '61**, a national American Indian educator, died on July 17, 2005, of cancer. She earned her master's degree from Hood College in Frederick, Md., and her doctorate degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1990. The family said, "Brayboy's leadership stretched beyond the realm of education. Having lived a life of decency and integrity, she developed a civic responsibility and commitment to make life better for others."

**Henrietta Bullard '61** died on Feb. 12, 2005, of cancer. She was a retired teacher.

**Charles Vernon "Chip" Singletary Jr. '98** died on June 28, 2005, of heart failure. He earned his master's degree from Western Carolina University and was employed at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as a biology instructor.

**Adrian Chavis (CE)\*** died on Aug. 17, 2005, after an automobile accident. He was the son of Sherlene Chavis, who is employed with UNCP in the Police and Public Safety Department.

\* "CE" indicates credits earned at UNCP.

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# Anderson N. Locklear remembered

*"Anderson Locklear two years ago went to Washington, had an audience with the President and was told by the latter of his appreciation of Locklear's invitation to visit North Carolina...The President said that the history of the tribe greatly interested him."*

Seeking federal assistance for the American Indian schools in Robeson County, Anderson Locklear had an audience with President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907.

Locklear (1870-1934) was the son of John Archie and Margaret Ann Locklear of the Prospect community. He was one of 13 children. Because of Anderson's poor health as a child, his father urged him to pursue a career in education.

Locklear entered school at an American Indian "subscription school" at Old Prospect in 1877. When the State of North Carolina established the Croatan Normal School near Pembroke in 1887, Locklear entered the new institution with the first class. He attended the school for two years and was one of the first graduates.

Locklear went on to teach and served with distinction for 42 years. During his career, he served as a principal and/or teacher at Barton, Prospect, Union Chapel, New Hope, Angus Locklear, and Pembroke Graded schools. He also served as a trustee of Croatan Normal School.



*Anderson N. Locklear*

Locklear Hall on the campus of UNC Pembroke proudly bears his name. Constructed in 1950, Locklear Hall originally served the needs of the science and agricultural departments. Today, it houses the Art

Department. A \$2 million renovation completed this year added many new spaces including a new gallery, studios and offices for faculty.



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