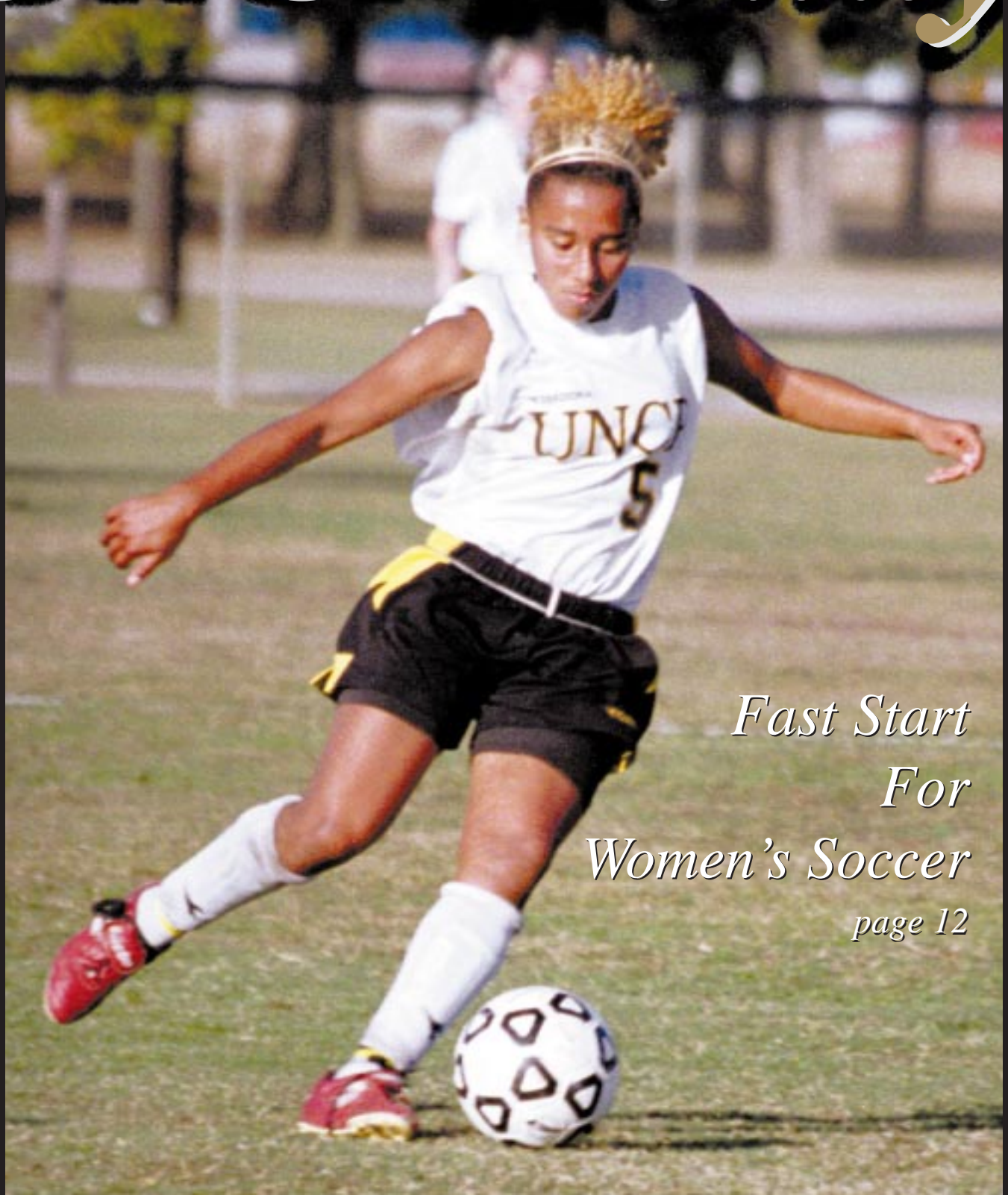


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From the Chancellor
Allen C. Meadors, Ph.D., FACHE
We live in challenging times



In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, our students, faculty and staff have prayed, collected money and given blood.

We have talked and listened in forums, and we lifted our spirits and voices in patriotic song. Seventh District U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre inspired us to work harder to build a better America.

Some of our students and one professor (Dr. Tim Ritter) have been called to active duty. Our thoughts and prayers are with every American and every Allied soldier who are hunting down terrorists around the globe.

I am proud of our university community for its continuing response to this national crisis.

At the university, there are many things to celebrate. There are also difficult challenges.

It has been a year of firsts for us. Our first women's soccer team took the field and thrilled us with their competitive spirit.

The new University Honors College signed up its first class. They are an outstanding and lively group of young people who have already enriched our university.

We are in the planning phase for the construction of our first new classrooms in more than 20 years. Oxendine Science Building will get a new laboratory wing.

We have also begun our first comprehensive campus beautification project. Not only will visitors find our campus more attractive, but they will also find their way easier with new signs in place.

For the first time, our students may choose convenient, private housing. University Courtyards, with more than 300 beds, a swimming pool, a fitness center and a computer lab, has revolutionized student housing!

This project comes on-line at a good time for us. Over the past two years, total enrollment is up 33 percent and freshman enrollment up 50 percent.

Many other milestones have been surpassed — the largest Teaching Fellows class, the largest faculty and the largest number of Native American and African-American students in history.

A \$56.6-million building program will see construction of a new residence hall and cafeteria and modernization of many aging structures and infrastructures.

Other indicators are moving slowly and steadily upward. Student retention, freshman GPA, summer school attendance, education majors, out-of-state enrollment and external funding are all on the upswing.

These are challenging times as we learn to deal with shrinking state revenues. We returned \$490,000 from our permanent base budget, and we have been asked to return another \$750,000 on a one-time basis.

We hope the state's economy turns around soon and the governor and legislators remember that education is our best investment in the future.

Even with the possibility of a significant loss of essential support positions, we will not allow any obstacle keep us from our quest to become the finest small public university in America.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance, and remember your assistance is needed now more than ever.

Our doors are open. Come home and visit your university!

From your Alumni President
Alumni Association expanding to meet your needs



Greetings, Fellow Alumni,

As we approach this holiday season, may our prayers go out to the victims and families of those affected by the sad events of recent months. We have much to be proud of regarding the manner in which our fellow citizens have responded in this time of national crisis.

Those of us associated with UNC Pembroke also have much of which to be proud. We are part of a growing community that is rapidly being recognized as one of the best universities in North Carolina.

The Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations continue to work hard to improve services available to members.

We are undergoing a review of our bylaws in order to ensure that they reflect the Association's changing needs. Interest continues to be expressed regarding the establishment of new chapters, with one revitalized last fall. Plans are well under way for Homecoming, which is scheduled for Feb. 10-16, 2002. We look forward to a record level of participation, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us. Look for further details inside. You may also want to

periodically visit the Alumni Relations Web site for updates at:

http://www.uncp.edu/alumni/news_events/.

As always, alumni are encouraged to assume an active role in the life of their university. I look forward to receiving your ideas and suggestions on how the Association can meet the needs and improve services to the membership.

Live Well,
Dwight Pearson '77

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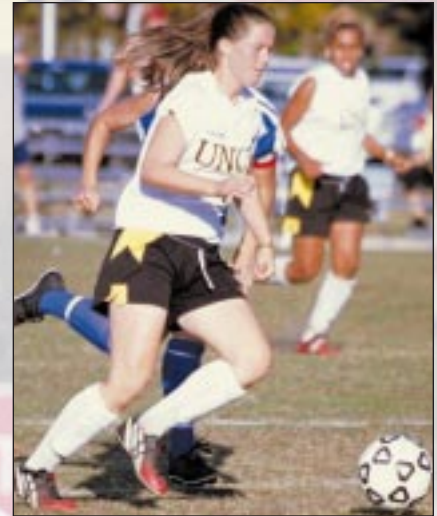


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UNCP, COMtech. work to transform region's economy

The road to recovery for the region's economy is under construction at COMtech.

COMtech. (The Carolina Commerce and Technology Center) is a technology-focused education and training center designed to attract leading-edge industry. It is strategically located on 600 acres between Pembroke and Lumberton, near the intersection of I-95 and the future I-74.

The university has taken a leading role in economic transformation of the region. It will play a large part in COMtech.'s future, too.

COMtech. has garnered an impressive list of government, education and business partners, including Robeson Community College, the Public Schools of Robeson County, Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation and the Robeson County Board of Commissioners.

UNCP has been there from the start.

COMtech. and CEO Tony Normand are temporarily headquartered in a pecan grove on the Pembroke-Lumberton highway. Fields of cotton, beans and tobacco will soon be replaced by offices, schools and commercial buildings.



COMtech. CEO Tony Normand and assistant Charlene Locklear at construction site

Normand is a retired U.S. Army colonel, senior government official and business CEO. The blueprint for COMtech. was developed while he worked at UNCP's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development.

"I came to the regional center in 1998 to teach a series of business management courses," he said. "The center is a cauldron of innovation and entrepreneurial activity that stimulated my imagination."

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School of Education rates exemplary in state report

For the second consecutive year, UNC Pembroke's School of Education received the highest rating in the annual review of the State Board of Education.

The school added two points to last year's exemplary rating.

UNCP received the third-highest rating among 47 colleges and universities in North Carolina with teacher education programs.

The School of Education scored 138 of a possible 150 points in 14 different categories. A score of 135 or better earns the highest, "exemplary" rating.

Five other schools earned exemplary ratings: UNC Greensboro, Duke University, East Carolina University, Western Carolina University and Salem College.

Categories include technology, enrollment, service to surrounding communities, student satisfaction with the program and

compliance with accreditation standards.

Chancellor Meadors said the continued high ranking of UNCP's School of Education confirms what university officials and faculty have known for many years about UNCP.

"When you look at the other schools that were rated exemplary, it really speaks

UNCP scored highest among small colleges and universities in North Carolina.

to the quality of education that our students are getting and the hard work of our faculty," he said. "When you consider that we are a very small department with just 13 full-time professors, it says even more about what a great job we are doing."

UNCP's scores have increased every year from 120 in 1998 to 136 in 1999 and 138 in 2000.

Education Dean Zoe Locklear was pleased with the results and with the continued gains.

"We improved in categories of faculty and institutional involvement with the public schools, services to beginning teachers and services to lateral entry teachers," Dr. Locklear said. "I thank everyone involved with this report. I am so proud of the statewide recognition we receive from these outstanding results.

"We looked for areas where we did not achieve the highest possible results and planned with these areas in mind. We made a conscious effort to help new teachers and to improve national teacher exam scores, and our efforts were rewarded."



Enrollment shatters records for second year

Enrollment has broken all-time enrollment records in consecutive years.

Total enrollment for the fall semester is 3,932, up 14.1 percent over last year and up 33 percent in two years.

Freshmen weighed in at the high end of early estimates with 700, up 21 percent. Fall 2001 freshman enrollment compares with 579 last year, which was also a record.

Just two years ago, UNCP enrollment was 2,986 and had remained stagnant for a decade.

Other records:

- Transfer students — 372, up 3.3 percent
- Extension campus students — 348, up 5.5 percent
- Native American students — 852
- African-American students — 768
- Students living on campus — 974

“There is no substitute for hard work.”

— Jackie Clark

University officials are pleased to see their emphasis on recruitment and marketing paying off.

“We are delighted to see the continued recognition by students and parents both in North Carolina and out of state that The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is truly a place where students can obtain a quality educational experience in an exciting and beautiful part of North Carolina,” Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said. “We are also extremely pleased to see our retention rate improve over last year.

“This growth is a direct result of the outstanding work of our dedicated faculty and staff. Of course, special recognition has to be given to our Admissions staff for getting the message out.”

Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Jackie Clark said surging enrollment this year surpassed her projections.

“We had a high yield, meaning a higher percentage of students whom we accepted chose to enroll,” she said.

The veteran admissions director attributed the success to “hard work.”

“There is no substitute for hard work, but we also worked effectively,” she said. “The marketing strategies were accurately targeted to the appropriate population of students we are seeking.

“Everything we did overlapped — direct mail, telemarketing, college fairs, receptions and bus trips to campus for high school counselors.”

Jackie Clark promoted to new vice chancellor post

Jackie Clark has been promoted to vice chancellor of the new Office of Enrollment Management. The appointment was effective Nov. 1.



The new office will incorporate the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Advisement and Retention and some related Support Services.

Clark has been successful as director of the Office of Admissions, with total enrollment up 32 percent and freshmen enrollment up more than 50 percent in two years, Chancellor Meadors said. Average SAT scores and GPAs for incoming freshman have also risen over that period.

“Ms. Clark has shown the ability to adapt to change and to lead her staff in the change process,” Chancellor Meadors said. “Over the next several years, we will need to focus on our entire enrollment management processes, and I know that Ms. Clark will provide the tireless leadership necessary to move this great university forward in the area of enrollment management.

“We welcome her as a member of the executive administrative team.”

Clark is a UNCP graduate and a 12-year UNCP employee. She has worked in several other offices, including Advisement and Retention, Student Support Services and Freshman Seminar.

“I have enjoyed the many opportunities to serve the university over the years,” she said. “We have set some very aggressive goals, and we have made a great deal of progress.

“UNC Pembroke was a great place to study when I was an undergraduate, and it was a great place for my daughter, who graduated in 2000. I have a natural passion for this university and for helping it grow.

“Starting up a new office is always a challenge. There will be great deal of information to assess and programming to develop.”

Clark received her master’s of education in guidance and counseling from Campbell University. She was a high school guidance counselor and counselor with several programs at UNCP.

Clark is married to Dexter Clark, and they have two children: Jessica, a law student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Tara, a doctoral student in anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Honors *to get the best out of our best* College

The new University Honors College (UHC) opened in the fall semester. Its purpose is to attract top scholars and place them in an environment that stimulates growth. The Honors College offers interdisciplinary educational opportunities that enhance the general curriculum and social and cultural opportunities. Honors students will take several Honors courses together.

Students selected to join the program have distinguished themselves in high school or at the university level with proven records of academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. UHC participants will maintain high academic standards and complete a senior project before graduation.

Located on the second floor of Old Main, the Honors College is directed by Dr. Carolyn R. Thompson. An Honors Council, comprised of professors and administrators, has been appointed to assist and guide the program.

Q. Tell us about the first class of students admitted to the Honors College.

Dr. Thompson: We have 25 students in the inaugural University Honors College freshman class, the class of 2005. They are a capable and energetic group. Average SAT scores are approximately 1210, and entering GPAs are above 3.9. But beyond grades, they are an equally interesting and diverse group. Two of our students are instructors in tae kwon do. We have enough members who play musical instruments to form a medium-size group. One young woman began her volunteer activity at the Robeson County Humane Society within a week of her arrival on campus. The UHC Web site will be totally renovated and far more interactional, thanks to one of our scholars. We have two varsity soccer players. One of the women is married. Their academic interests are widespread, including computer science, biology, chemistry, social work, teacher education, history and English. Working with them and the many other capable students at UNC Pembroke reassures me about the future of our nation. They are intelligent and caring, concerned about the environment and the well-being of our citizens.

Q. When the Honors College matures, how many students will be in the program?

Dr. Thompson: The National Collegiate Honors Council, of which

we are members, recommends that honors programs not exceed 5 percent of the student body. With a projected enrollment of 4,000 undergraduates, this will be approximately 200 students. All but one of our students is from North Carolina, from Charlotte to Jacksonville. The greatest number of students is from Cumberland County. We have two students from Charlotte. Our out-of-state student is from Delaware.

Q. Are all Honors College students given full scholarships?

Dr. Thompson: No. There is no scholarship money automatically awarded to students admitted to the University Honors College. We wanted to separate academic performance from scholarship assistance. Bruce Blackmon, director of Financial Aid, has been helping our students obtain scholarships, grants and loans so that many of the students have some kind of financial support. I would like to identify some funds that we could use to recruit talented students to the program, and I am working with Lynda Parlett in the Office of Development to identify funding sources for honors students.

Q. What is the recruiting process like? Do candidates apply, or are they recruited by your office and the Office of Admissions?

Dr. Thompson: I will visit numerous high schools around the region and talk with guidance counselors and advanced placement seniors about the enhanced opportunities provided by the UHC. Guidance counselors can be instrumental in a student's college selection. When applications come into UNC Pembroke, the Office of Admissions identifies those students with appropriate GPA and SAT scores. I will send each of those students a letter with a UHC brochure, inviting them to apply for admission to our program.

Q. Has the startup gone smoothly?

Dr. Thompson: I would say remarkably so, thanks to the interest and support of the Office of Admissions and the Office of Financial Aid. The Housing Office and the Office of Student Activities made arrangements to house these students together and helped engage each of them in the UNC Pembroke experience. Our Honors faculty this fall, Dr. Elizabeth Normandy and Dr. Monika Brown, are both superb professors and offer a challenging



Dr. Carolyn Thompson
director, Honors College

academic experience. With the help of Computing Services, we were able to get the UHC lounge and computer lab up and running. I am delighted with the startup thus far.

Q. What Honors courses are offered this fall, and what makes them Honors courses?

Dr. Thompson: Our goal in the UHC is to create a “learning community.” UHC students take Freshman Seminar, English and Current World Problems together. Next year, we will add biology, another required course, to the list. While we can’t expect these students to stay together as they enter disparate majors and choose different electives, we hope to enable a group cohesion in the first year that will encourage them to work together, to compete academically and to set an academic pace as they progress through four years at UNC Pembroke. Next semester, students will study together in a second English course, and they will take one of two Honors Seminars: “Great Cultural Epochs” with Dr. Robert Brown or “Frontiers in Human Behavior” with Dr. Kathleen Rileigh. The “HON” courses are interdisciplinary seminars that offer the students an opportunity to examine interesting areas of study with some of our outstanding faculty. These courses are only available to Honors scholars. They carry higher reading requirements and enhanced expectations. In addition to those I have mentioned, Honors courses include “Contemporary Issues in Science and Technology,” “Modeling and Analysis of Natural Systems” and a required research experience during the junior and senior years. The research experience sets our Honors program apart from many of the others in the state and region. Each student will work with a faculty member in his or her major to undertake and complete research in a particular area. The results of this effort will be presented. UHC students who complete the requirements of the program will receive an Honors College diploma and special recognition at commencement.

Q. There is a strong contingent from faculty and administration on the Honors Council. What is their role?

Dr. Thompson: The University Honors College is an academic, cultural, service and learning experience. While the original conception was through Chancellor Meadors, we could not have

undertaken this effort without the commitment and support of all the organizational units on our campus. From Admissions, to housing, to GPAC staff, to faculty, to athletics, everyone has cooperated in the development of the UHC. Consequently, we have wide-ranging representation on the University Honors Council, the oversight and support group that has created this effort. I am pleased to say that the faculty who have taught UHC courses this fall are pleased with their progress. I have even had faculty ask me how they can offer a course in the UHC; this was a delight to hear.

Q. What social and cultural enrichment activities have taken place, and what activities are planned?

Dr. Thompson: UHC students attended the GPAC performance of “Ragtime.” They also attended the Erin Brockovich and Ralph Nader lectures. In November, noted pianist Valerie Zamora met with the UHC students and music students prior to her performance. Next semester, we plan a visit to the North Carolina Museum of Art and other regional cultural opportunities. We may have to postpone our Washington, D.C., trip until next year. North Carolina has an annual meeting for the presentation of student research that I hope we will attend in future years. I anticipate that several Honors students will attend the regional collegiate Honors Council meetings in Atlanta and will plan to participate in the national conference.

Q. The Honors program will no doubt evolve. What changes do you anticipate?

Dr. Thompson: The Honors College, like all the academic units in the institution, has a plan for future growth and development. In addition to continued strong recruitment, I think our major initiatives would be to identify funding for scholarships for UHC students, to review and revise the core curriculum of Honors seminars to be sure we are challenging our students effectively and to work on creating new resources to support undergraduate research, perhaps a center for undergraduate research that would support faculty and the students they mentor with funds for undertaking research, support for grants and contracts and money to attend regional and national conferences to present their work.

Internationalizing ...

Dr. Alexander Chen is hired to lead International Programs

Dr. Alexander N. Chen is scouring the globe to build alliances on every continent for UNC Pembroke's International Programs.

Chancellor Meadors and Dr. Chen have forged

a series of agreements in Asia and Europe. Africa, Australia and South America are next on the list as UNCP works to "internationalize" its students and faculty.

Last fall, Dr. Chen was named associate vice chancellor for International Programs in UNCP's Office of Academic Affairs.



"Chancellor Meadors has a vision of a university that truly prepares its students for the world that we live in today and the world of tomorrow."

He will be responsible for developing and administering international programs of all types, including studies abroad, international student recruitment and faculty teaching and research.

UNCP's goal is to give its students exposure to the global society by bringing in students from all over the world to study

and interact with our faculty and our local and national students on a personal level, Dr. Meadors said.

"Dr. Chen's commitment to the internationalization of higher education during his academic career fits nicely with our quest to improve the quality of our university through the expansion of our international student base," he said. "We look forward to Dr. Chen's working with our faculty, staff, students and regional community to bring a fulfilling and enriching aspect to our part of southeastern North Carolina."

UNCP will offer its Master's Degree of Public Management (MPM) program to students at the China University of Mining and Technology. Chancellor Meadors also

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UNCP signs on with French school

The photos from Paul Flantos' studies abroad last summer look like postcards from paradise.

The senior business major spent last summer as UNC Pembroke's ambassador to the famed Provence region of France.

The university signed an agreement this fall with the French school to send additional students as part of an effort to internationalize UNCP.

Flantos spent five weeks at the Center for Advanced European Studies in Management (CESM Mediterranee), located in the Mediterranean port city of Marseilles. He received nine hours of credit for courses in international business, European culture and French language.

He had the time of his life.

"The class work was very intense during the day, but there was plenty of time to travel and enjoy Europe," Flantos said. "The best part is the friends you meet."

The Lumberton native has traveled this fall to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to reunite with friends he made in France.

"We are all very different, but we did very well as a group," he said.

Back at UNCP this fall, Flantos is hard at work taking 21 hours. He plans to graduate in May.

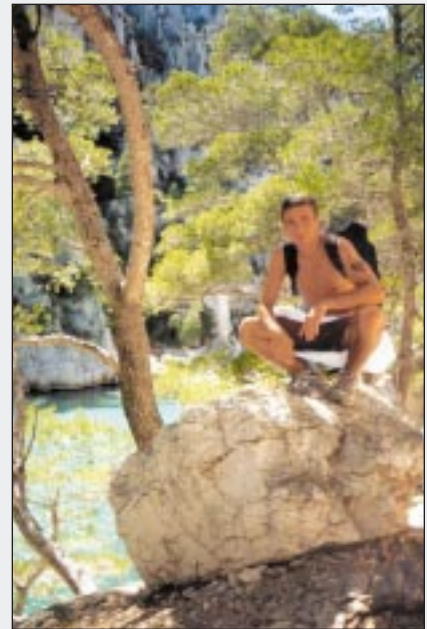
To pay for his study abroad experience, sacrifices were necessary.

"My mother helped be out a lot," Flantos said. "But a large part of my trip was underwritten by Visa and MasterCard.

"Lots of my friends said I was crazy, and it is a sacrifice. But I had a wonderful time, and it was worth the cost."

This fall, with Flantos at the table, Chancellor Meadors and Associate Vice Chancellor for International Programs Alexander Chen signed agreements to pave the way for more students to study at CESM.

"Opportunities like the one Paul took advantage of will change an individual's perspective on the world we live in," Chancellor Meadors said. "Experiences like these are so enriching, not only from the academic sense, but also from cultural, social and personal aspects.



Flantos: "There was time for adventure."

"Every day, events occur — good and bad — that make us realize we must learn to live as a global society. Having more students study abroad and bringing more international students to our campus will prepare our graduates for the world they will live in."

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signed an articulation agreement to accept Chinese undergraduate students with associate degrees from Macau University of Science and Technology.

These pacts and a recent student exchange agreement with France's Center for Advanced European Studies pave the way for the global travels of students and faculty.

"Our goal is to internationalize our faculty by facilitating their teaching and research abroad," Dr. Chen said. "In 2003, Dr. Jeff Geller will participate in a professor exchange with the Polish Academy of Sciences."

Further down the road, the university will make alliances for its MBA (master's of business administration) program to gain an international focus. An English

as a second language (ESL) program is also in the early planning stages.

Chancellor Meadors said that an international perspective and exposure is essential in preparing well-rounded students.

"International connections help prepare students for the global society in which we live," he said. "The programs we are planning will provide our students educational experiences and opportunities that will carry them far beyond the classroom."

Becoming an international campus would give UNCP a competitive edge in competing for students, faculty and external funding, Dr. Chen and Chancellor Meadors said.

"Chancellor Meadors has a vision of UNCP as a university that truly prepares its students for the world that we live in today and the world of tomorrow," Dr. Chen said.

"This would be something unique that we would offer to students, faculty and the region we serve."

Dr. Chen has an extensive background in international programs, information technology and educational administration. He was founder and president of Beijing New Era College of Business and president of a Web development and e-commerce business.

He was a tenured faculty member at Penn State, college representative of SMEAL College of Business at Altoona and executive director of the Center for Asian Pacific Management Research at Penn State Altoona.

He holds his Ph.D. and his master's degree in agricultural economics and rural sociology from Penn State and his bachelor of science in agriculture from the National Taiwan University.

Faculty in exchange with Polish university

"It's an adventure for me and an adventure for Jeffery," is how Dr. Agata Bielik-Robson describes it.

A professor at the Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw, Dr. Bielik-Robson will trade places with UNCP's Dr. Jeff Geller during the spring semester of 2003. The trade will benefit students and faculty as UNCP continues its efforts to internationalize.

Not only will the professors trade classrooms, but they will also trade apartments for the semester. "I am even going to take Jeffery's place in Presbyterian choir," she said.

Both Dr. Geller and Dr. Bielik-Robson are veteran travelers in academic circles.

Dr. Bielik-Robson's English is polished from three stints teaching in Great Britain at Oxford and at the University of London.

"I enjoy collecting teaching experiences," she said. "America is a special curiosity for me."

Dr. Geller, who has been a member of UNCP's faculty since 1983, is fluent in several languages and studied abroad — in Germany as a graduate student, in France as a Camargo scholar and in Singapore as a Fulbright scholar.

"This is a great opportunity to teach and study with a unique group of international scholars," he said. "I am grateful to Dr. Richard Kania for working on the faculty exchange program."

"I believe that I will contribute to the scholarly community at the Polish



From left: Profs. Kania, Bielik-Robson and Geller

Academy, and Agata will make a unique contribution to our students' world views. When we return, we will all be the better for it."

Dr. Bielik-Robson visited UNCP this fall as the guest of Dr. Kania, chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice.

"I believe that Dr. Bielik will fit in well at UNCP," Dr. Kania said. "She is

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COMtech.

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The exposure Normand had to area commerce and business people convinced him that a project to attract a new generation of business, industry and education to the region was needed and possible, even in a community that had relied so long on older industries such as textiles.

"This area has lost thousands of jobs, but it has the potential to remake itself in the new economy," Normand said. "We need to think and collaborate in new ways. It's time to turn the corner, learn the rules of a new game and start playing to win."

Normand may have left the Regional Center, but it has not left him, according to Director Sylvia Pate.

"We're very excited about what Tony is doing with the COMtech. project," Pate said. "The future is wide open for COMtech., and this environment is exciting for our program."

The Regional Center, with university backing, has jumped in quickly. In September, the UNC Board of Governors approved UNCP's purchase of 12 acres at COMtech. to construct a 10,000- to 12,000-square-foot office, training and conference facility.

Without the collaboration of its education partners, COMtech. cannot succeed, Normand said. With a road and office under way,

COMtech. is off to a fast start. Other plans include:

- Robeson Community College plans to begin construction on a continuing education and technology center next summer.
- The regional center is COMtech.'s first committed tenant and will build an office, conference and training center just off Normand's new road.
- The Public Schools of Robeson County plan to open a magnet technology high school by 2003.
- An industrial client and a privately owned enterprise have expressed serious interest in building the park, giving Normand hope for a fast startup.

If COMtech. is successful, it will be a demonstration of how educational institutions, government and the business community can work together to stimulate the economy of their communities.

Visit COMtech. online to learn more: www.comtechcenter.org.

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CESM Director Richard Bowers was on hand for the signing ceremony to make the school a formal part of UNCP's International Programs. The director said CESM offers more than international studies.

"One of the aspects that makes the program so exciting is the cultural and out-of-class experiences the students receive," he said. "This is a historic French city

located in a Mediterranean setting where you get an authentic, warm feeling from the people."

"The accommodations and the people are great," Flantos said. "The weather was perfect every day, and it is a beautiful location."

The students had a variety of travel opportunities that found them in Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam, Cannes and other locations.

Flantos does have one regret. "I should have stayed two weeks longer and taken the internship program."

The cost of the five-week program is \$1,500, including room and board. Transportation and additional travel is extra.

To learn more about international study opportunities at UNCP, call (910) 521-6205 or e-mail beth.carmical@uncp.edu.

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talented, bright, interesting and just different enough to hold the interests of our students.

"Her stay with us will do wonders for expanding the horizons of our students and their awareness of the world beyond our shores."

Dr. Bielik-Robson has a special fondness for the South.

"I have family in Detroit who we visited when I was 14," she said. "We traveled to North Carolina and Georgia. I enjoyed the weather and the relaxed lifestyle."

Dr. Bielik-Robson has been an assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy and Sociology at the Polish Academy of Science since 1989. Her academic specialty is 20th-century romantic philosophers, particularly Kierkegaard and Nietzsche.

She completed her Ph.D. at the Polish Academy, her master's of arts from Warsaw University. Beside Polish and English, Dr. Bielik-Robson is also fluent in German and Russian.

Among her publications are translations into Polish and English, including "Heidegger and the Problem of Evil," due out this year. Some of her published papers are in English.

Dr. Bielik-Robson has published two books: *On the other Side of Nihilism: Contemporary Philosophy in Search for a New Subjectivity* (Warsaw, IFIS PAN Press, 1997) and *Other Modernity: A Hidden Life of the Modern Soul* (Universitas, Krakow, 2000).

Improvements are being made all over the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The university is spending \$1.2 million to give UNCP an updated look.

“This is the first major investment in the appearance of our campus in university history,” said Chancellor Meadors. “It is a sweeping project that will pay dividends in many ways for many, many years to come.

“Students, faculty and staff will find unique ways to enjoy these new additions, and visitors will find our campus more attractive and accessible.”

The university recently renovated the main entrance sign to campus. In progress are the exterior signage, sidewalk renovations, water feature and kiosk. In the near future, the campus will also be adding a plaza for its residence hall cluster.

The university asked architects from Southern Pines and the Research Triangle Park to design the water feature. Located on the Arts and Sciences Quadrangle, the concrete-lined pond will include a fountain, bridge and amphitheater. The project is expected to be finished before the end of the fall semester.

“We expect the water feature to become one of the focal points on campus and the site of many new traditions,” said Chancellor Meadors.

The water feature is also functional. It will serve as a holding tank for the water that will be circulated for use in the campus’s sprinkler system. The amphitheater may serve as a focal point for many special



One of 58 new signs

WHAT YOU SEE

Campus landmarks of the future are under construction

by Crystal Locklear



The water feature will include a bridge, amphitheater

purposes, including Pembroke Day, Parents’ Weekend, Music Department performances, Lumbee Homecoming, guest speakers and more.

This feature will become a gathering place for students, faculty and staff to relax, study or spend a lunch break.

A look at the buildings on campus reveals new exterior signage. Fifty-eight black and gold signs are being put up across campus. The signs are interchangeable, so if a department is added or moved, the nameplates can be changed without replacing the entire sign.

The university also boasts a lighted, black and gold main entrance sign sure to get the attention of passers-by.

The new signage and kiosk will help guide visitors to campus. A kiosk, or information center, will be constructed near the main entrance of campus off Old Main Drive and across from UNCP’s new rose garden.

The kiosk will be an unstaffed, drive-through structure consisting of a map directory, an alphabetized list to locate buildings and a phone connected to campus police.

“The kiosk will provide visitors with good directions on how to use our campus,” Chancellor Meadors said.

The campus will soon be adding a dorm plaza. The plaza will consist of benches, additional lighting and possibly a fountain.

Many areas of the campus are being resurfaced. Old, well-worn sidewalks are being replaced. Eye-catching and colorful brick-look walkways, such as the one in front of Lumbee Hall, are under construction. In the future, this same look will be added to other areas across campus.

Crystal Locklear is a junior public relations major.



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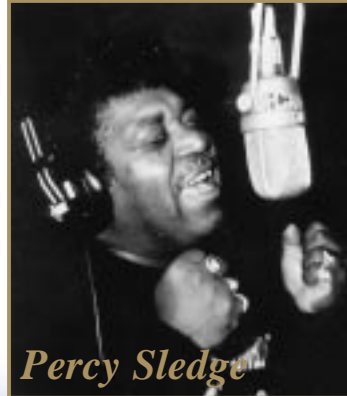
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Faculty/Staff vs. Students 6 p.m.

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Friday, February 15

Alumni Registration Social 6:30 p.m.

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Alumni Basketball Game 10 p.m.

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After Hours Social 10:30 p.m.

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Saturday, February 16

Late Registration 9:30 a.m.

Alumni Soccer Game 10:30 a.m.

Alumni Barbecue Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

Women's Basketball 2 p.m.

UNCP vs. Lander

Women's Tennis 2:30 p.m.

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The first team (front row, from left): Samantha Raybuck, Corrine Raybuck, Jackie Starcke, Crystal Lanoza, Amy Benson, Simonae Taylor, Shannon Eaton, Shelley Musso and Nicole Roe; (back row, from left): Lars Andersson, Bridgette Cannon, Megan Bowker, Barbara Jacobson, Courtney Jones, Tamara Marshburn, Abby Pierce, Jessica McCardell, Mary Kresse, Amanda Morrow, Kelley Iverson and Eric Alsop.

Inaugural women's soccer team earns a remarkable seven wins

by Andrea Vukcevic

UNCP's inaugural women's soccer team made an explosive debut this fall. Competing against some of the nation's toughest Division II soccer programs, the young team united under coach Lars Andersson.

Despite injuries and inexperience, the Lady Braves set the standard high for years to come. They won a remarkable seven games with one tie.

"The whole team has come together like a big family," said co-captain Crystal Lanoza. "It's crazy how great we get along and work together."

This group of all North Carolina natives is bursting with freshmen. They managed to blend their personalities into a "family" both on and off the field.

The defining moment of the season came against the Peach Belt's number-one team. Undeclared in league play, USC Spartanburg came loaded with foreign talent, and UNCP limped into the game with just three healthy bench players.

With 15 seconds to go in the second overtime, a Spartanburg player took off on

a long breakaway with Simonae Taylor, the Lady Braves' leading scorer, in hot pursuit. Taylor was later named Peach Belt's Freshman of the Year.

UNCP's goalkeeper Amanda Morrow flew off her line and smothered the ball, ending Spartanburg's hopes for a win. "It was a really intense game," she said.

"The future is looking very bright for our program. I think we are way ahead of schedule."

"Everyone played their hearts out."

Morrow, the game's unlikely hero, was recruited off Pembroke's softball team with only a little recreational soccer to her credit. She admits to being uneasy.

"I was really nervous [about joining the team]," she said. "I came in from nowhere. [Coach Andersson] asked me if I wanted to come out and play."

Morrow and her mates sent a message to the Peach Belt Conference and beyond, Andersson said.

"I don't care who we're playing," he said. "We decided we would focus on being a good team instead of a first-year team."

Andersson said he just tries to make sure the girls are playing for the love of the game because, "if you lose that, you will never reach their potential."

"These girls have a lot of heart," said junior goalkeeper Bridgette Cannon, the team's oldest player. "They definitely have a lot of talent and tons of potential."

Andersson has led national-caliber teams at other stops on his coaching career and plans to vigorously recruit talented players.

"The future is looking very bright for our program," he said. "I think we are way ahead of schedule."

Andrea Vukcevic is a journalism major at UNCP.



1960s

Noah Woods '62 was installed as second vice president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners during the 94th annual conference banquet Aug. 11 by Judge William B. Reinhold. He dedicated his career to elementary and secondary education in the public school system, serving as a teacher and principal.

Dr. Maryanne Roesch '68 became an associate professor at Winston-Salem State University in August after retiring from the Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia as director of planning, testing and evaluation. **John Roesch '69** recently joined Winston-Salem State University as an associate professor, too.

1970s

On June 25, the Wake County Public School system approved **Felicia Maynor Locklear '73** to become the principal of E.C. Brooks Elementary School in Raleigh. Prior to moving to the Wake County area, she was a music teacher at Pembroke Elementary School. She resides in Cary with husband **Anthony Locklear '79** and daughters Anjelica and Francesca.

Stephen V. Pate '74 was honored on the opening night of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind." He has been a member of the cast since 1976 and was presented with an award of service.

Theresa Nuckles Shackelford '78 of the North Carolina Department of Insurance graduated as a certified public manager Aug. 13 at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. The public manager program is intended to increase the quality, efficiency and productivity of state government by improving the leadership abilities of employees in management positions. To complete the program, she completed 10 courses and a project. She is the wife of alumnus **Hayden Shackelford '79**.



Soccer Tailgate

Alumni volunteer Sandy Oxendine '91 serves hamburgers and hot dogs during the event. Simonae Taylor, freshman soccer player, takes the give-and-go.

1980s

Mike Dunavan '80 and wife Chrissy now teach at Corporate Landing Middle School in Virginia Beach, Va. Mike teaches sixth-grade social studies and Chrissy teaches music. Mike adds that on Sept. 18, his wife donated a kidney to her mother and was out of work recovering until mid-November. Mother and daughter are both doing well.

Cathy Ludwig Hall '83 began a new position as director of human resources with The John R. McAdams Company, an engineering firm in Durham, Aug. 20.

Darlene Roberts Sanderson '85 has been promoted by BB&T to banking officer. Sanderson, who joined the bank in 1998, was a collections support supervisor. She and her husband, Leslie, reside in Maxton.

Jamie K. Oxendine '87 and partner Mark Harris, who make up the duo Harris & Oxendine, were nominated in the first round of the 2001 NAMAYs (Native American Music Grammys) for best independent recording for the single release of the song "The Traveler."

1990s

Christopher Locklear '92 plays the role of a guard in the productions of "Madame Butterfly" and "Turandot"

with the Washington Opera under the artistic direction of Placido Domingo. Chris especially likes the end-of-season party that is hosted by Domingo, which all the artists are invited to attend.

Angela D. Revels '92 was recently promoted to marketing representative with HealthKeeperz after serving as its human resources manager for only one year. HealthKeeperz provides products and services to Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus and Moore counties.

David Malcolm '92 earned his master's of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, in May. He is pastor of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church in Pembroke.



Greg Kealey '94 says hello to all his old friends, classmates and teammates and lets them know that he and his wife will welcome their first child in October. Greg was a co-captain of the baseball team.

Robert E. "Gene" Freeman '95 was one of two North Carolina educators among 120 to receive the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Recipients of the award are selected by an independent blue-ribbon committee appointed by each state's department of education. Criteria include exceptional

educational talent as evidenced by outstanding instructional practices in the classroom, school and profession; outstanding accomplishment and strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and affects students, colleagues and the community. This award was established to provide public and financial recognition to teachers, principals and other educational professionals who are advancing excellence in education. The Milken Family Foundation award carries a financial award of \$25,000 for the recipient.

Angela Carter '96 was promoted in September to community arts and grants manager with the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County.

N. Sam Pruitt Jr. '97 is a physical education teacher with the Gaston County Schools at Stanley Middle School. He also coaches boys' soccer and baseball.

Beth Peterson Domenico '98 is a third-grade teacher with the Washington County Schools at Potomac Heights Elementary school in Hagerstown, Md. She is also head volleyball coach at Hagerstown Community College.

Eydie Richardson Stone '98 received a promotion with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina as a network development specialist in the network management/provider relations division.

Don Ingle '99 works as a news photographer at WRAL-TV in Raleigh out of its Durham news bureau.

Melissa Comer Pruitt '99 is an eighth-grade language arts teacher with the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Schools at Piedmont Open Middle School.

2000s

Rhonda Sue Horne '01 is an administrator with Hermitage House in Bladenboro.



Hermitage House provides assisted living services for Bladen and surrounding counties. Rhonda lives in Orrum.

Rebekah Chantay Revels '01,

graduate student at UNCP, was crowned Miss Fayetteville 2002. According to Rebekah, "This is a chance to represent Fayetteville, a chance to be an ambassador for young women in Fayetteville and North Carolina and a chance to be an administrator for my platform — teaching people about Alzheimer's disease."

Marriages and Engagements

Betty D. Lockley '89 and Dr. Joseph Brum were united in marriage June 16. The couple resides in Lumberton.

Joseph "Joey" Schultz '90 and wife **Beth (Walters) '90** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary Oct. 12. Joey, Beth and their 1-year-old daughter, Logan, live in Whiteville. Joey is a branch manager of Centura Bank in Whiteville, and Beth is a guidance counselor with Clarkton School of Discovery.

Cara Shannon Tew '96 and William Neil Parnell III of Smithfield were married Dec. 16 at Lebanon Baptist Church in Fayetteville, with the Rev. Dr. Ronald Loftis officiating. Cara is employed as a school social worker for Cumberland County Schools. Following a honeymoon trip to Charleston, S.C., the couple will reside in Stedman.

Sonja Rochell Pearson '98 and Michael Vincent Smith exchanged wedding vows July 7 at noon at South Lumberton Church of Christ. Minister Billy G. Campbell officiated. UNCP alums participating in the wedding were bridesmaids **Cynthia Redfearn '95, Felicia R. Treadwell '98** and **Sonya W. Morris '99;** groomsmen **Anthony A. Buie '99;** and wedding director **Sonia V. Jordan-English '82.** The couple resides in Atlanta.

Beth Peterson '98 and James Domenico were united in marriage April 1, 2000. They are expecting their first child in March.

Melissa Comer '99 and **N. Sam Pruitt Jr. '99** exchanged marriage vows June 23.

Births

Eugene H. "Sonny" Kirkley '87 and wife Jamie (Reaves) announce the birth of their daughter, Gianna Mariel, Aug. 27. Gianna weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Beth '92 and **David '92 Malcolm** announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Willis, Oct. 21, 2000, at Hopkins County Memorial Hospital in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Jonathan has three older sisters: Rachel Celeste, Rebecca Joelle and Hannah Nicole.

Christopher Brian '92 and **Sarah (Thomas) '92 Jones**



announce the birth of their son, Spencer Thomas, Aug. 2. Spencer, born at Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City, weighed 9 lbs., 1 1/2 oz. and was

21 1/2 inches long. Brian, Sarah and Spencer reside in Morehead City.

Rodney Ellen '93 and his wife, Anita,



announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Courtney, June 21. Alyssa weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her grandfather, Harold Ellen, is a former baseball

coach and instructor at UNCP.

Congratulations to **James '93** and **Kirstie '95**



Jorgensen on the birth of their son, John Pope, May 27 at Scotland Memorial Hospital. John weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. James, Kirstie and John live in Laurinburg.

Dr. Irene Aiken '93 and her husband, Kevin, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kevin Jr., Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. in Moore County. Little Kevin weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Eydie Richardson Stone '98 and her



husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Lin, April 26 at 10:57 a.m. Savannah weighed 8 lbs., 1 ounce and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Gray '98, Kelly (Holland) '99 and Kayleigh Cecil announce the birth of Grayson Elijah Cecil Sept. 12. Grayson weighed in at 9 lbs., 9 oz.

Deaths

James F. Cooke '59, June 17, 1998.

Jean Stanley '63, Feb. 21, 1999.

Jerry Daniel '68, Jan. 25, 2001.

John H. Sampson Jr. '68, Nov. 5, 2001, survived by wife **Wanda '69, Jeremy '93** and Jordan, a UNCP student.

James S. Brown '70, Dec. 14, 2000.

Betty J. Thomas '72, June 5, 2001.

David R. Cox '83, May 1, 2001.

Joann S. McLaughlin '98, Aug. 23,

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Greg Deacon finds a career in prosthetics

by Teresa Cummings,
Alumni Director

I arrived at Virginia Prosthetics in Roanoke, Va., a regional facility serving southwest Virginia and parts of North Carolina, at noon for my interview with alumnus Greg Deacon. He had been called away to the hospital in Martinsville to emergency surgery.

While waiting for his return, I watched a young woman walking down the hallway that leads to the waiting room and trying out her new leg.

"I don't like it," she said. Not long afterward, another young girl leaves the office, supporting her right (prosthetic) arm in her left hand.

A special education major, Deacon said he actually completed requirements for his degree in '77, but UNCP didn't practice the winter commencements at that time, "so my diploma reflects '78."

I asked him how a special education major had led him to prosthetics.

"Well, not sure what I wanted to do, I worked here a year between high school and college for Fred Murko, who owned the business at that time," he said. "Then I decided to enroll at UNCP. I completed my classes in December, which meant I had to wait until fall for a teaching position.

"So Fred told me I could come back and work with him until then.

Once I began working again, he said that with a degree, I could attend the School of Prosthetics. So I did. I attended NYU. Besides, working with people who have learning disabilities has a correlation to treating people with physical disabilities."

Deacon explained to me, in basic terms, how the process of prosthetics worked from the time an individual was presented as a patient until they were fitted with the prosthesis.



Greg adjusts a myoelectric-controlled arm.

Most prosthetics are the result of illnesses such as diabetes or vascular diseases, while the others are the result of trauma or birth defects.

As for Deacon, he said that his work is very rewarding. He lives in Roanoke with his wife, Terry, who is an insurance underwriter with Delta Dental Insurance, and their two children: Tyler, 12, and Molly, 10.

Peed '69 appointed by Ashcroft to federal COPS post

Attorney General John Ashcroft has appointed Carl Peed '69 to be the executive director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

"Carl is a strong leader," Ashcroft said. "He did a fine job running the Juvenile Justice agency in Virginia, and I know he will lead the COPS



office with the same integrity and energy."

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is the federal office responsible for advancing community policing.

Peed served as the director of Juvenile Justice for the Commonwealth of Virginia. As leader of a statewide agency, he managed 2,700 employees and a \$237-million budget. He was responsible for developing policy and providing administrative oversight for 38 regional offices and more than 110 local and state facilities.

Prior to his work for the state of Virginia, Peed served as sheriff of Fairfax County, Va., for 10 years.

Peed has served as a consultant to the National Sheriff's Association, the American Correctional Association and the Department of Justice. He has also testified as an expert witness in federal court, Congress and the Virginia General Assembly.

From 1972 to 1974, Peed was assistant basketball coach at UNCP.

An outstanding basketball player at UNCP, Peed is a past winner of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Alumni Scholarship recipients announced

The Alumni Relations Office is proud to announce its Alumni Loyalty Scholarship award recipients. Five scholarships were awarded for the 2001-2002 academic year. This scholarship is awarded to sons and daughters of alumni, and recipients are chosen based on academic and leadership ability, potential for success in college and financial need.

Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship that will be divided equally between the two semesters. The Alumni Loyalty Scholarship recipients are:

- Adam Benford Hardin, a Lumberton Senior High School graduate who plans to major in business, is the son of James Benford '65 and Debbie Hardin of Lumberton;

- Morgan Brittany Hunt, a Purnell Swett High School graduate who plans to major in elementary education, is the daughter of Johnny R. '77 and Demetrius Hunt of Rowland;

- Sandy Colburn Jacobs, a Purnell Swett High School graduate, is the son of Harold D. '76 and Edna Faye (Locklear) '81 Jacobs of Pembroke;

- Ryan Kent Jacobs, a Purnell Swett High School graduate, is the son of Bruce '95 and Brenda Jacobs of Pembroke; and

- Talena Maria Locklear, a Garner Senior High School graduate who plans to major in education, is the daughter of Bobby D. and Gwen (Strickland) '77 Locklear of Raleigh.

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- January 17 Mitch Ryder in Concert
8 p.m. GPAC
- January 19 Soups 'N' Hoops
3 p.m., Jones P.E. Main Gym
- January 23 Danny and June Infantino
10:15 a.m., Moore Hall
- February 10-16 **HOMEcomings 2002!**
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- February 13 Of Ebony Embers
10:15 a.m., Moore Hall
- February 19 UNCP Concert Band
7:30 p.m., GPAC
- February 26 Maya Angelou
7 p.m., GPAC
- February 28 UNCP Choral Concert
7:30 p.m., Moore Hall
- March 8-10 **Alumni Travel**
Charleston Weekend
- March 16 Instrumental Music Fest
7 p.m., GPAC
- March 20 Damon Short/Paul Scea Quartet
10:15 a.m., Moore Hall
- April 9 UNCP Choir Extravaganza
7:30 p.m., GPAC
- April 11 Chairman of the Board/Tams
8 p.m., GPAC
- April 12-18 **Alumni Travel**
Las Vegas Tour
- April 16 Jazz Choir/Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Moore Hall
- April 17 Steve Hunter, Piano
10:15 a.m., Moore Hall
- April 30 Band and Choir Concert
7:30 p.m., GPAC
- May 9 Braves' Golf Tournament
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10 a.m., GPAC
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Marjorie Farmer

Well-known Latin professor stays in touch with friends

Marjorie Farmer remembers the university's other enrollment boom of the 1950s.

"I taught several classes in Old Main," said the retired Latin instructor. "We had an influx of students, so I also taught in a small, temporary classroom."

Although Latin is no longer taught at the university, Farmer remembers that other faculty members used to take her class to sharpen their academic skills.

"Latin was very popular then, and I believe it's coming back," she said. "I had four classes of Latin when I was at Lumberton High School."

Farmer's association with the university goes back to 1957, when her husband took a job teaching English. The couple lived with their two children in a cinder block

house on Railroad Street in Pembroke.

She joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1965 and taught Latin and English until the couple retired in 1985. Farmer won the Distinguished Professor Award in 1985.

Her late husband, James S. Farmer, was a popular faculty member, earning the *Indianhead* yearbook dedication and serving as adviser to the Baptist Union for 20 years.

Now living in Raleigh, Farmer says she remains an optimist about all things and enjoys "remarkable good health." She stays in touch with other retired faculty members: Dr. Ray Rundus, Dr. Jim Ebert and Dr. Gibson Gray.



Then ...



... and now

She also stays active with daily exercise and her hobby, collecting photographs of hands.

"I began collecting pictures of hands in 1945," she said.

She has four albums of photos and each photo has a caption. She has written a caption for the image of her own hands: "Live each day to the fullest, and try to mean something to somebody else."

Adief Oxendine '44 recalls wartime college days

"I still like the old treadle-type sewing machines," said Adief Oxendine. "They make prettier stitches."

Oxendine's home at the end of a quiet street in Pembroke is a testimony to her homemaking skills. A large collection of quilts and dolls dressed in beautiful, homemade costumes are on display in her living room.

The 1944 graduate sharpened her skills in the home economics program at Pembroke State College.

"I was the only student in home economics," she said. "There were very few students in the college at that time because of the war."

Oxendine's future husband, Milford, was fighting with Patton's army while she tended the home front. "He wanted us to get married before he went," she said.

The wait was rewarded, and the couple raised two children on Milford's large garden and Adief's famous baking.

Although the home economics program ceased many years ago, it trained dozens of

excellent teachers. Oxendine retired after 30 ("and a half," she says) years at Fairmont, Magnolia, Rex-Rennert, Green Grove and Les Maxwell schools.

Having just celebrated her 80th birthday, she is proud of the simple virtues of a less-complicated time.

"We taught sewing and cooking, but many other things, etiquette, child care and home décor," she said. "Before they finished the course, the students made a dress or a suit. Girls today don't even know how to hem a dress."

For Oxendine, one of the best memories of college life was being named the first May



Adief, left, and Milford, right, Milford Jr. and Freda Oxendine Bullard at Adief's 80th birthday celebration.

Queen at the college. May Day was a special day with a May Court, banquet and dances.

"I remember they gave me a big bouquet of flowers, and Betty Oxendine (Mangum) was the mascot," she said.

And, predictably, Oxendine made her own dress.

A lifetime of service and leadership

David and Vevely Malloy have distinguished themselves through service to the church and their communities.

Since David was named Fayetteville Area District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church in 1999, they spend much of their time serving 64 churches in Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett and Sampson counties.

The Scotland County natives are both UNCP graduates: David in 1984 and Vevely in 1987.

The Malloys still have family and a home in Scotland County, where Vevely owns and operates two preschools.

However, when a job opportunity in New Jersey came up in 1963, he made the move.

He received a call from Uncle Sam that led to a tour of duty in Vietnam.

"I was just privileged to serve our country and was one of the fortunate ones to get back," he said.

When he returned, so did his pursuit of an education.

David worked as a Scotland County deputy sheriff, transferred his community college credits to UNCP and took a job as a

part-time minister. Upon graduation with a degree in sociology, David began studying for his master's of divinity degree at Duke University.



David and Vevely Malloy

"My educational foundation at PSU was great," David said. "I knew it for certain after being named to the dean's list at Duke several times. I had no problem adjusting to

the rigors of Duke University."

Vevely was a self-described nontraditional college student. She had a husband and three children, and worked for a local Headstart program and later for the Department of Social Services.

She also volunteered with social work professor Steve Marson and a team of students and faculty working on the program's national accreditation.

"The success of our efforts to win accreditation is one of my best memories," she said. "I have to say that my whole experience was wonderful. I didn't realize that the professors could be so caring and concerned — even about my own children."

At UNCP, David started a social club, similar to a covenant group. He recalls a favorite instructor, I. Ruth Martin, telling stories of trips to the Holy Land.

The Malloys have managed to accomplish many things to be proud of, but nothing makes them prouder than their three children. Sabrina works for North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Davina works for Integrated Health Services in Maryland, and David II is a senior at UNCP!

Career Connections: Alums helping students make career choices

by Lisa Lewis Schaeffer, Career Center Director

Alumni, do you remember the challenge you had in deciding on a major or career path during your college years? Today's UNCP students have numerous career needs similar to those you may have experienced. The Career Services Center invites you to join these alumni who have become members of the UNCP Alumni Career Connection: Chris Disney '66, U.S. Department of State; Durham White Jr. '74, Southeastern Regional Medical Center; Michael Cummings '75, Symbol Computer Inc.; Allen Jamerson '86, Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force; and Meredith Storms '97, chemistry Ph.D. candidate at the University of Georgia.

The Career Connection is a network of graduates willing to contribute information and/or time to UNCP students or alumni exploring careers and graduate schools. Your participation would add a unique experience to the network and provide realistic career planning information for students or alumni with similar career interests. This is an excellent way for you to contribute to your alma mater.

How you can strengthen the UNCP Alumni Career Connection:

- Allow a student to shadow you

- Discuss your graduate school
- Provide information on internships, summer jobs and employment
- Participate in the annual Career Fair
- Speak to classes or student organizations
- Interview or refer students for job opportunities

Please sign up today at www.uncp.edu/alumni, or contact the Career Services Center for more information at (910) 521-6270.



Scholarship honors Virginia woman with local roots

An endowed scholarship has been created to honor the life of a remarkable woman.

Linda Gail Hammond was born in the old Thompson Hospital in Lumberton in 1946.

She spent her early years playing with corncob dolls and picking cotton and tobacco on her grandparents' farm near Smyrna Baptist Church in the Saddletree Community of Robeson County.

At 13, Hammond moved to Richmond, Va., to live with her mother and stepfather and attended the public schools. At 16, she dropped out and left home to support herself.



Linda Gail Hammond

Hammond experienced poor health, resulting from a childhood bout with rheumatic fever that damaged her heart. Coupled with the lack of education, this could have defeated Hammond. However, her spirit overcame all obstacles.

Despite her lack of education, Hammond had a successful career in the insurance industry, rising to the position of vice president of Palmer and Cary of Virginia. Linda Gail Hammond never forgot who she was or where she came from. Relatives say she cherished her family connections and her Lumbee heritage.

The Linda Gail Hammond Endowed Scholarship honors a remarkable life. Thanks to the generosity of family and friends, the scholarship will forever honor her memory, honor her Native American heritage and help build a better future for those who are recipients

of it and for the people that meant so much to her.

Hammond lived a full life. From a previous marriage, she had one daughter, Pamela, and one granddaughter, Ashli Kaye. Her second marriage to Dr. Bruno V. Manno, a writer and educator, was a happy one for 12 years until her death in 2001 from breast cancer.

A memorial service was held at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C. The cathedral was full of friends from Capitol Hill to honor the life of their dear friend.

Contributions to the Linda Gail Hammond Endowed Scholarship Fund may be made to the UNCP Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 1510; Pembroke, N.C. 28372. Questions may be forwarded to the Office of Advancement at (910) 521-6252 or 1-800-949-UNCP extension 6252.

Dial family makes two historic gifts to the university

The Dial family history runs deep at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Danford Dial graduated from Pembroke State College for Indians in 1947. His wife, Reece, graduated in 1941.

The family recently honored the memory of their parents by establishing an endowed scholarship in their honor. They also contributed, to the Chancellor's Library, five framed family diplomas that reflect the many name changes of the university.

"In these diplomas, you can see that this university is very important to our family," said Maureen Dial, daughter of Dan and Reece.

Barbara Meadors, wife of Chancellor Meadors, accepted the historic gifts on behalf of the library, located in the Chancellor's Residence.



Dial family (from left): Amber, Harold Glynn, Maurice, Maureen and Danford Jr.

Maureen Dial, a 1965 graduate, and her brothers Harold Glynn, Danford Jr., a 1969 graduate, and Maurice Dial made the presentation during an afternoon reception at the Chancellor's Residence. Also present were nieces Amber Dial, a 1997 graduate, and Ja Dell Dial, who graduated May 12, 2001.

"This university has made this community what it is today, Maureen Dial said. "Our grandparents were on the Board of Trustees in the very beginning, and their

message to our family was to 'get an education.'

"Danford and Reece Dial were public school teachers in Robeson County who encouraged all children to get an education."

Mrs. Meadors said the gift is a perfect fit for the new mission of the Chancellor's Library, where the diplomas are permanently displayed.

"This is truly a great family in the history of this university and this community," she said.



A bridge to the future

A bridge over the new water feature is lowered into place. It is part of \$1 million in campus beautification projects under way. See page 9 for more details.

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