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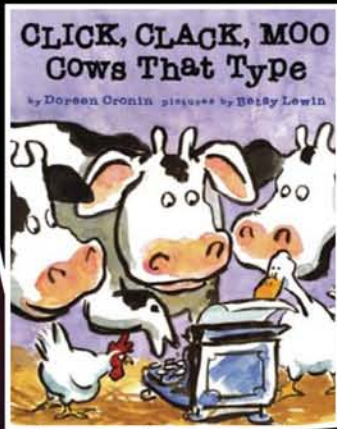
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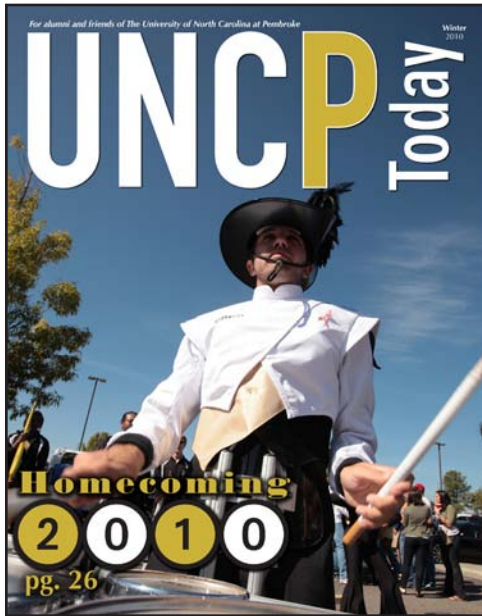
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As my first semester in Pembroke winds down, there is a great deal to reflect upon and quite a lot to be thankful for.

First and foremost, I am thankful for the many wonderful and gracious people who have made Sarah and me feel welcome here. I have learned there is a fierce loyalty to this University because of its history and its role in uplifting the lives of so many individuals and their families.

I have attended many events that are part of the University's traditional calendar, and I have initiated others.

Homecoming has become one of our great traditions. I sincerely hope that all alumni enjoyed the homecoming festivities. Homecoming has become a thrilling and meaningful event.

Certainly, the events at the Givens Performing Arts Center have been a highlight of my first semester. This facility and its delightful programming are very important to our University and to our region for many good reasons.

My first semester has been personally and professionally fulfilling. Progress has been made in the critical areas in filling key leadership posts and in efforts to improve student success. I have learned a great deal about the life and culture of the University.

The nine-stop regional Listening Tour that I embarked upon this fall has been a good vehicle to meet people and to collect information to plan for the future. Many common themes emerged along the trail. The region's residents believe the University should offer more graduate programs. And, they would like to see the University step up its community involvement on all levels from mentoring youth to economic development.

The one overriding conclusion is that the people of Southeastern North Carolina are asking the University to play an even bigger role in shaping their future.

This spring, the University's strategic planning committee will facilitate a discussion about our future. My intent is to have a five-year strategic plan by next fall. This plan will focus on four themes: the "New Normal" (the current financial climate), "Student Success," becoming an "Institution of Choice" and "Regional Engagement/Service."

I have had numerous meetings and discussions with the Lumbee Tribe. The University's relationship with this community is very important. Consequently, Chairman Swett and I are forming the Lumbee Tribe/UNCP Advisory Committee to work together on issues of common concern. Their work will begin in January.

The challenge of operating in the new budget environment continues to consume a great deal of our time. Tough decisions will be made that will help us operate more efficiently while preserving the high quality of the teaching and learning experience.

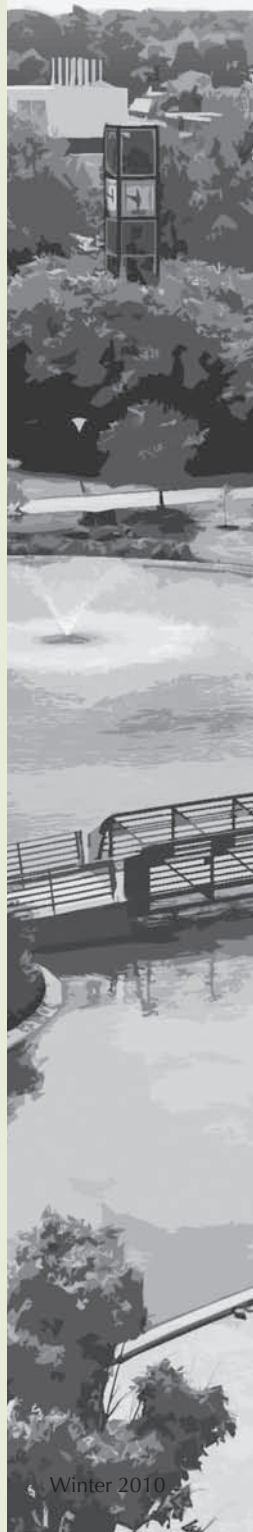
I am totally confident this University will successfully navigate this difficult terrain and continue to grow as an Institution of Choice in our region and in North Carolina.

As we move into an uncertain future, the help of our alumni and friends will play an even more important role. I urge each of you to stay connected and support UNCP with your presence and resources as you are able. I look forward to meeting you.

Warmest regards, and I wish you an enjoyable holiday!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle R. Carter".

Dr. Kyle R. Carter





# The University Address

In his first University Address, Chancellor Carter peered into the future.

Chancellor Carter promised that the back-to-school address would be the first of an annual tradition. Approximately 800 University and community members attended the hour-long program on August 18 in the Givens Performing Arts Center.

The speech combined elements of an inaugural and a state-of-the-University address for a chancellor who had been on the job since July 1. Dr. Carter opened a page into the future, extending his vision to the next 300 days.

UNCP's fifth chancellor, who was on a listening tour that included nine stops throughout the region and Lumbie Homecoming too, said he would call on the University's entire constituency to help build "a shared vision of the future."

"Today's address starts our relationship, and it lays a foundation upon which we can build that relationship," he said.

The new leader of the University said he has "a lot to learn." Dr. Carter rolled out a plan to acquire that knowledge of the University and the surrounding community.

"We will use the next 300 days to discuss the future of the University," he said. "I have contended all along that the best visions are shared ones."

Dr. Carter said he would call on "our partners in the community to be part of the conversation." He issued a stakeholders survey to establish a "baseline of information as we go forward to build our vision."

"Over the next 300 days I will invite input from a broad spectrum of internal and external constituents to campus," he continued. "The result that emerges will be a shared vision and strategic plan that fits our University and this region."

There were numerous references to tradition, history and the American Indian community that founded and nurtured the University.

"UNCP's history marks its heritage much more than most

other institutions," he said. "One major challenge we face is to create a vision that recognizes the importance of UNCP's Native American institutional heritage as a niche for a regional comprehensive University."

To that end, Dr. Carter said the University would hold a special series of meetings with the Lumbee Tribe.

He noted many challenges to realizing the University's vision, including budgetary.

"Clearly, the paradigm has shifted," he continued. "To quote UNC President Erskine Bowles, 'low tuition without quality benefits no one.'"

The University will continue to grow as it becomes the "institution of choice" in its region and beyond, he said.

"Students between Pembroke and Whiteville should pick us as their institution of choice over UNC Wilmington," he said. "We should be the school of choice in Charlotte when we compete head-to-head with Western Carolina University."

Having come to Pembroke from Western Carolina, that statement drew applause. Dr. Carter said the University must "advance our stature by marketing our strengths far and wide."

"Modesty is no longer a virtue at UNCP; let people know about our successes," Dr. Carter urged.

Improving student success and service to the region are also priorities for the new leader.

"Service is important to our mission," Dr. Carter said. "I will hold a series of meetings to see how UNCP can better serve our region."

"With the 300-day plan on the table, Dr. Carter concluded by saying: "We must aim high to reach new heights of academic excellence."

Before the address, Dr. Charles Jenkins was honored with a resolution from the University's Board of Trustees. Dr. Jenkins has served the University in many capacities since 1971, including his most recent post as interim chancellor. ■

# RIVALRY

## TWO RIVERS CLASSIC PRESENTS OPPORTUNITY



In the hours leading up to the 2nd Annual Two Rivers Classic on September 4, fans from UNCP and Fayetteville State University (FSU) discussed “the rivalry.”

There was considerable anticipation and preparation as Pembroke hosted the Broncos in Grace P. Johnson Stadium. If big crowds are an indicator of a rivalry, this is a rivalry.

Forty-five minutes before the kick-off, Campus Police Chief McDuffie Cummings '92 was feeling the 90-degree temperatures and the heat of a record crowd of 6,429.

“This is a huge crowd, our biggest ever, but we’re ready,” Cummings said.

As the Spirit of the Carolinas Marching Band warmed up, they were feeling the heat of a growing rivalry too, said Color Guard members Allison Soles of Whiteville, N.C., and Jasmine Robinson of Fayetteville, N.C.

“We were both there for the first (Two Rivers Classic) game, and, yes, we are very nervous,” Robinson said.

“Last year was definitely the beginning of a new rivalry,” Soles said.

“This is not just a football rivalry; this is a band rivalry too,” Robinson added. “Our bands have different styles - they are a show band and we are a core band – but

we both want to do our best.”

In the tailgating section, FSU was well represented, including a group from the Bronco Booster Club.

“We follow the team to all the away games, but this is special,” said James Cason, club president. “This is big-time special.”

Richard Sumpter and Robert Pridgen, both FSU alums, had chicken, ribs and fish on the grill.

“We’re doing it big today,” Sumpter said. “We are hoping for a little sweet revenge, too.”

The Bronco Boosters offered some pre-game analysis that proved prophetic.

“You’ve got a good team that is loaded with seniors, and you have a real good quarterback,” Cason said.

Bronco fans said the hospitality off the field was outstanding.

“Oh yes, they are treating us right!” said Robert Moulden, a 1967 FSU graduate.

Braves fans were excited and cooking, too. David Lewis '81, Jeff Moody '79 and Julius Meekins '82 have tailgated at just about every home game. They agreed that rivalry is good for football, food and fun.

“We’re ready for some football,” Moody said. “We even brought some FSU people with us. This is my daughter,

Yarona Thomas, an '08 FSU graduate,” Moody said.

Besides the excitement, crowds and hospitality, Moody touched on an important point about the budding rivalry.

The schools are only about 30 miles apart, and fans, band members and football players have ties to both communities and schools. Twelve UNCP football players are from Fayetteville.

Closer to Pembroke, the home fires were burning for Kellie Blue '93, who tailgated last year in Fayetteville and again this year.

“We were treated very hospitably in Fayetteville last year, and we want to return the favor,” Blue said. “This is very exciting and a little new to us.”

Students, some new to football, were still mulling over the rivalry issue. Student Government President Arjay Quizon lives in Fayetteville, but, as an international student, knows little about the game of football.

“I would say we are working on building a rivalry,” Quizon said. “I’m excited to see so many people. It’s pretty neat.”

Crowds and rivalries present opportunities. UNCP’s Office for Advancement literally pitched its tent, and sponsors stepped up for food, said Brian

Russo, UNCP's new development officer for athletics.

Aaron Thomas of Metcon Construction brought grills, and Lumbee Guaranty Bank, McDonald's, House of Raeford and Lumberton Ford Lincoln Mercury helped with the costs. Other game day sponsors included Country Inn, Holiday Inn Express and Pembroke Pointe.

Dr. Raymond Pennington, retired athletic director, enjoyed UNCP's hospitality tent. He said UNCP was destined to have a football program.

"This is great, and I knew that football would happen for us," Dr. Pennington said. "The remarkable thing is how fast the University has built an outstanding football program. That is hard to believe."

Dr. Pennington is right about that. There were some other prophecies that came true as well.

Five years ago, Kelvin Sampson '78, who is one of the most successful basketball coaches in the nation, offered his insights on the return of football. Sampson was honorary chair of the First and Ten Campaign for Football.

"I see this as a real positive for the University," Sampson said in a 2004 pep rally that kicked off football.

"Football will have an economic impact, a social impact and a perceptual



impact," Sampson said. "When was the last time UNCP was in the newspaper in July? Imagine what homecoming will be like."

He was right, said Athletic Director Dan Kenney, who has watched over every detail of football's return to the University. He praised the outstanding sportsmanship of both schools.

"After two years, both universities have experienced the great crowd excitement and pageantry that the Two Rivers Classic brings to each campus," Kenney concluded. ■

## Braves keep Two Rivers cup with a 39-0 win

The Braves defense was stout, and the offense came alive in the second half to defeat FSU 39-0 and keep the Two Rivers Classic Cup in Pembroke for a second year.

It was a hard-fought first half and stunning second half. UNCP erupted for 32 points in the second half, rolling up 450 yards of offense with 26 first downs to win its 11th straight game on Lumbee Guaranty Bank Field in Grace P. Johnson Stadium.

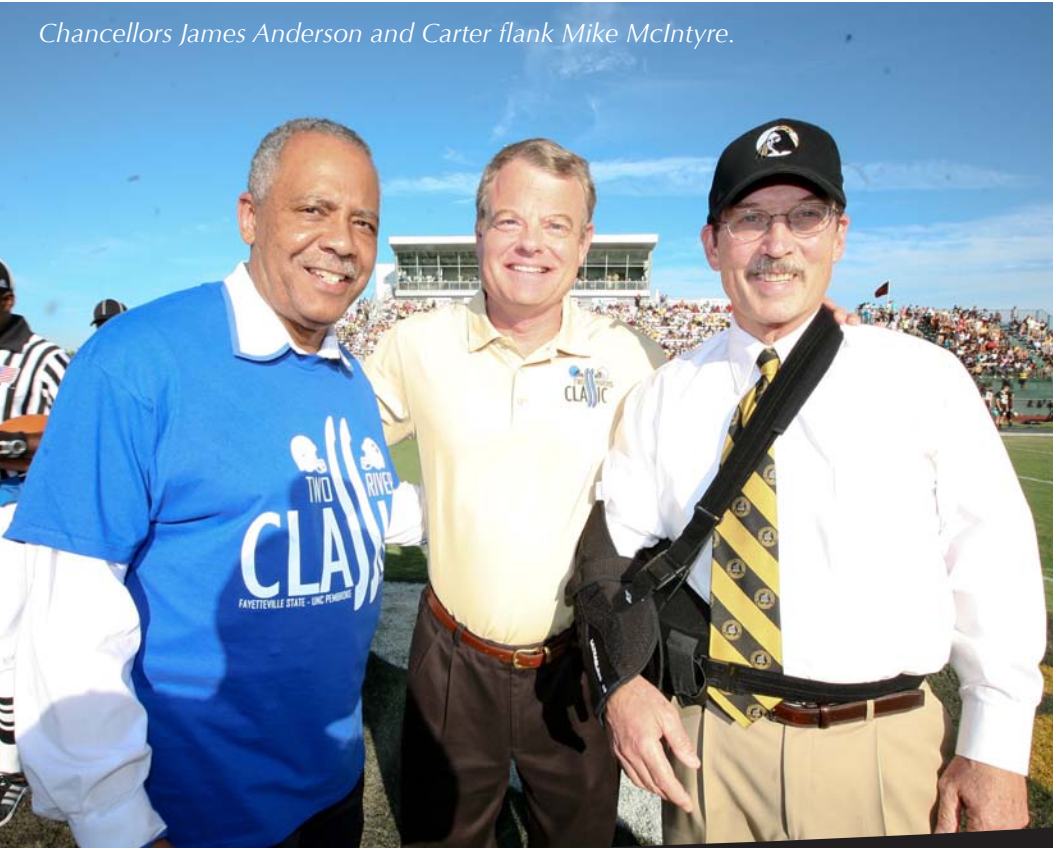
The Broncos, who lost their starting quarterback the night before the game due to an eligibility issue, could not muster an offense in either half. The Broncos ended with just 81 yards total offense and gave up 11 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

The first half was a defensive struggle that ended with UNCP up 7-0. That's when senior leaders, including quarterback Corey Smith and running back Rashon Kennedy, stepped up.

Smith completed 17-of-26 for 191 yards and a touchdown. As starting quarterback, Smith got his 20th win in 24 games.

On 10 carries, Kennedy ran for 115 yards and two touchdowns. It was the eighth time he has run for more than 100 yards. ■

Chancellors James Anderson and Carter flank Mike McIntyre.





# Cherry Beasley, Ph.D., would build a healthier Robeson

The desire to become a better nurse propelled Cherry Beasley to earn a doctorate.

"The science of nursing is understanding the human response to disease," Dr. Beasley said. "The art of nursing is capturing the patient's response and getting them to work toward healing. People are my driving passion.

"I went back to school because I wanted this expansion of knowledge, and a doctoral program is the way to do it," she continued. "I wanted to learn more about nursing, and I wanted to learn more about myself."

Dr. Beasley's passion for nursing made an impression at East Carolina University too. She was selected by faculty, teachers, advisers and committee members as the Outstanding Ph.D. Graduate in East Carolina University's health sciences for 2010.

Appreciated at UNCP as well, Dr. Beasley was the first faculty member hired when the University and Fayetteville State University formed a consortium to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

degree. That was in 1992, and today, she is a tenured associate professor in the University's growing and very successful nursing program.

Former interim Chancellor Charles R. Jenkins, who has a long professional association with Dr. Beasley, offered his congratulations. As the provost and vice chancellor for the Office of Academic Affairs when the nursing program was established, he hired her.

"From the beginning, we recognized that Cherry was a real winner and had much to offer to our new nursing program as well as to the entire region," Dr. Jenkins said. "She has been a real plus for the program, and we are delighted that she has completed her doctorate."

If the value of Dr. Beasley's achievement is about helping others, the significance of her Ph.D. goes much further.

She is the first Lumbee Indian to earn a doctorate in nursing. She is also the only Robeson County native to earn a doctorate in nursing. Less than one percent of nurses nationwide have a Ph.D.

"I didn't do this to be in a class of one," she said. "I hope others will follow because it would be helpful to our community."

Dr. Beasley is a powerful example, and she is in a position to help realize that goal. A pipeline has formed with five UNCP nursing faculty members seeking doctorates.

"It speaks well of our department that the faculty are getting more training at the same time the program is succeeding," Dr. Beasley said. "We will need this for our master's program in nursing."

Nursing Department Chair Dr. Barbara Synowiez said increasing the number of doctoral level nursing faculty "exposes our undergraduate students to nurse-scholars with strong education and research backgrounds who are committed to improving the practice and impact of nursing on the health of the nation.

"These individuals are role models

for other members of the faculty, our current students, our graduates and the next generation of nurses," Dr. Synowiez said. "Congratulations to Cherry! Her dedication and passion for learning is an inspiration to all who know her, especially our nursing faculty colleagues and students."

UNCP has two bachelor's degree programs, RN to BSN and the four-year pre-licensure program. The four-year BSN program, with more than 200 students, had 95 percent of its 2010 graduates pass the nursing examination (NCLEX-RN).

"Our nursing program is doing well, and we are ready to take the next step," Dr. Beasley said.

An important piece of the next step is the \$29 million Health Professions Building that broke ground on UNCP's main campus in November. The program is currently located at Southeastern Regional Medical Center's main campus in Lumberton, N.C.

"We are looking forward to the new building and rejoining the main campus," she said. "It will be good to be at the academic core of the University for committee work and to be nearer to the science and other programs that support us."

The doctorate took five years to complete. Dr. Beasley has a history of adding degrees in steps - a BSN from the University of Michigan, a Master's of Nursing and a Master's of Public Health from UNC-Chapel Hill.

"The hardest thing is to maintain your tenacity," she said. "While I believe it was a transformative experience, it was hard work.

"The other difficult thing is to maintain the balance you must have in your life," Dr. Beasley said.

While she was studying, both of her children were married, two grandchildren arrived, and her son, a U.S. Marine Corps infantry major, served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Daughter, Mary Joyce, has followed her mother into the nursing





## Doctorate in hand, Evans pursues solutions

With a doctorate, Dr. Dena Evans is better positioned to help the Nursing Department serve its students and the people of rural Southeastern North Carolina.

"I was born and raised in rural North Carolina, and I am well aware of the healthcare issues and

opportunities here," Dr. Evans said. "I like being part of the solution in rural healthcare delivery."

An Anson County native, Dr. Evans has traveled long and hard roads to advance her skills, and she's not home yet.

After graduating with a doctorate in education from NC State University in May, she plans to enroll in a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. She earned a Master of Public Health Nursing degree and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

"With hospital and teaching experience, she came to UNCP in 2007 in time to see the first graduating class of the pre-licensure BSN program," Dr. Evans said.

There were many challenges to starting the four-year BSN program, including passing rates on the nursing exam (NCLEX). By 2010, 95 percent of UNCP's nursing graduates passed the exam, a very, very strong showing.

Dr. Evans is part of the solution. She is coordinator of the Learning Enhancement Center that provides academic assistance to nursing students. She teaches pharmacology, leadership and fundamentals of nursing. ■

## Dr. Thelma Floyd earned a doctorate

Dr. Thelma B. Floyd, a member of the Nursing Department, received her doctorate in health administration from the University of Phoenix. She is the third member of the department to earn a terminal degree in 2010.

Dr. Floyd, who has wide-ranging experience in nursing, administration and education, joined the faculty in 2007. She teaches psychiatric nursing and leadership courses for the RN to BSN and four-year pre-licensure programs.

Dr. Barbara Synowiez, chair of the Nursing Department, said Dr. Floyd's doctorate improves the quality of education offered to students.

"Increasing the number of faculty with doctoral degrees is a priority for the department," Dr. Synowiez said. "Having faculty who are prepared to assume the teacher-scholar-researcher role, we have the opportunity to improve nursing practice and the impact of nursing on the health of the nation.

"Ultimately, this leads to the advancement of nursing as a profession," she continued. "Individuals, like Dr. Floyd, serve as role models for other nursing faculty and our students," Dr. Synowiez said.

With specialized experience at veterans and psychiatric hospitals and a trauma one medical center, Dr. Floyd brings considerable background in health care delivery. She always wanted to be an educator, and that goal has been reached. ■



profession.

Dr. Beasley is from a very successful family that values education and has attained many advanced degrees. Both parents are UNCP graduates and her grandfather was one of the University's earliest graduates.

She is the fourth sibling to earn a Ph.D. Her sister, Malinda Maynor Lowery, recently earned a Ph.D. in history from UNC-Chapel Hill.

"Malinda and I are a lot alike because we are concerned with the qualitative side of things," she said. "On the other side of the family, my father is a mathematician and my sister, Lucy, is an accountant."

Dr. Beasley's dissertation reflects a holistic approach to nursing. It stems from 16 lengthy interviews with breast cancer survivors and is titled "What Lumbee Women Tell about Surviving Breast Cancer."

"I have done quite a lot of research on

breast cancer, although my earlier work was more quantitative," she said. "What I learned is that survival takes place in two worlds.

"There is the world of personal healing and a world of communal healing that takes place in unique communities," Dr. Beasley continued. "I should note the distinction between a cure, which is medical experience, and healing, which is communal.

"We need to understand that healing takes place in a community-specific context and moves through stages of healing," she said.

The dissertation got high marks from Dr. Jeffery Geller, a UNCP philosophy professor who was on her dissertation committee.

"Everyone on the committee was impressed by Cherry's work," Dr. Geller said. "I consulted with her on the philosophical foundations and on the

interpretation of the findings."

Robeson County's Lumbee community is a unique laboratory for a study of this type. Dr. Beasley's research is a call to action for her and others, and she plans to continue.

"I want to continue this research, and I want to see the University more engaged collectively in the health of our community," she said. "Our University has considerable expertise to offer."

Recently, Dr. Beasley and a faculty group, sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, began to lay the groundwork for a Rural Health and Wellness Collaborative. They are seeking funding and surveying healthcare providers and residents for guidance.

This is one way Dr. Beasley will put her new credentials and her new knowledge to work for the community. It's a daunting task, but she has tenacity on her side. ■

# Elmer Hunt

## *Pembroke's Photographer*

### UNCP's library is seeking information about photos in its collection

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the Elmer Hunt Photography Collection is an entire library.

When donated to the University in 2002 by Elmer Hunt Jr., the collection consisted of 53,678 negatives. A Pembroke native, the late Elmer Hunt Sr. was a school teacher and professional photographer - a very prolific one.

In 1969, he became the University's first staff photographer. The collection reveals an entire community during a 30-year period from the 1950s through the 1980s, highlighting parades, fairs, civic clubs, school groups, stores, buildings, landmark events and more.

Digitized and cataloged, the Elmer Hunt Photography Collection is archived in the Special Collections section of the Mary Livermore Library. The library had the negatives professionally scanned and purchased a computer to store digital images with software to perform keyword searches.

Now, the library needs words to go with the photos. With a lobby display and a series of special events planned, they want to know: "Who are these people?"

A visit to the library last summer found Hubbard Lowery, a Pembroke building contractor, pouring over the photos. One photo, that he dated to 1960, is of Lowery and members of his ninth grade Pembroke High School baseball team.

"I'm the one with the bowtie," he said. "My mother bought it for me. I hated it, but she made me wear it.

"Wow! That brings back memories," Lowery said. "I had forgotten about that picture."

Lowery identified his teammates, including Elmer Hunt Jr., and fondly recalled how, as a left-handed batter, he could hit Ray Brayboy's curve ball. Brayboy is in UNCP's Athletic Hall of Fame.

The quest for names, dates and places began on July 3 at Lumbee Homecoming when the public was invited to come into the library and identify several notebooks filled with photographs. It worked, said Dean of the University Library Dr. Elinor Foster.

"It's a big project with many photos going back to the 1950s," Dr. Foster said. "We got many responses to our questions about the dates, names and places of the photos. There is a lot of interest in the photos."

### The Collection

Lillian Brewington has worked on the Elmer Hunt Collection since it came to the library and helped acquire it. She retired in the meantime and continues to work on it as a volunteer.

"I have enjoyed this project, and I want to see it completed," she said. "It's a big project and we spent a lot of time organizing it so that people may come in to search it by name and so forth."

Like many Pembroke residents, Brewington has personal connections to the Elmer Hunt legacy.

"When I was married in 1963, Mr. Hunt took the wedding photos," she said. "I could not find the wedding negatives."

Brewington said parts of the collection remain in the community. The community is very excited about viewing the collection, she said.

"People have already come in, and there is a lot of excitement about it," Brewington said. "I see the light at the end of the tunnel and I like what I see."



Dr. Linda Oxendine, former chair of UNCP's American Indian Studies Department, obtained the collection for the University from Elmer 'Bill' Hunt Jr.

"Bill just called me out of the blue and asked if I wanted the collection," Dr. Oxendine said. "He was cleaning out the attic."

What Dr. Oxendine believed were a few thousand negatives turned out to be a far larger collection. She turned it over to Brewington and the library.

"We started digitizing them, but it was overwhelming," Dr. Oxendine said. "I was shocked."

The value of the collection was something the scholar understood thoroughly.

"Back then, he was the only photographer in Pembroke and he was wonderfully generous about taking pictures when asked," Dr. Oxendine said. "He took my wedding pictures, put them in an album and gave them to us for a

## ON DISPLAY

The library display at the circulation desk will change. Special events for the public include:

- January 18 - a special viewing event for local churches
- March 15 - a special viewing event for retired educators
- July 2 - during Lumbee Homecoming

The year-long schedule of events is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Other friends have helped too.

Several individuals have volunteered on the project including Lillian Brewington, retired special collections librarian, and Dr. Linda Oxendine, retired chair of UNCP's American Indian Studies Department. Librarians Carlene Cummings and Robert Wolf have also pitched in.

wedding present.

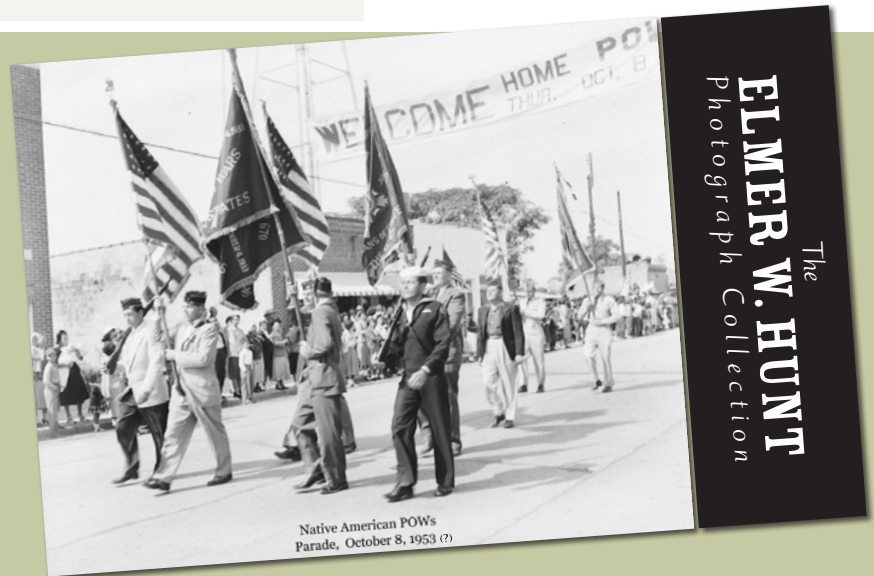
"It is a wonderful gift from Bill," she said. "We can't thank him enough for saving these negatives."

Hunt died in 1987 at the age of 67. Before joining the University in 1969, he taught at Magnolia School in the Saddletree community, north of Lumberton, N.C.

Born in Sellers, S.C., Hunt took part in the Normandy invasion during World War II. He was with an anti-tank unit that also joined in the African and Sicilian campaigns.

A self-taught photographer, he paid 49 cents for his first camera that included two rolls of film. He set up his own darkroom later by throwing a rug over a window to keep light out.

A 1953 UNCP graduate, he captured the life of a University for many years. His signature line was: "You set them up, and I'll shoot them." ■



**Top Left:** 1960 Baseball Team - Hubbard Lowery is the one with the bow tie. He identified most of the other players including Elmer Hunt Jr., first row, far left.

**Bottom Left:** At the Fair - Elmer Hunt had an eye for a great photo including twins. Jean, left, and Joan Bullard are the younger pair from 1967.

**Bottom Right:** Relaxing in town - This photo, taken at the Pembroke Fire Department in the 1950s, was partly identified. First row from left are Sim Oxendine, Shell Worriax and Harry West Locklear. Leaning against the building is Leslie Locklear.



## Advancement wins national CASE award

The Office for Advancement won a major national award from the Council for the

Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

The office received the 2010 CASE Educational Fundraising "Overall Improvement Award" for their performance over the past three years.

"Our improvement over the past three years in several key areas was among the most impressive in the nation," said Sandy Waterkotte, vice chancellor for Advancement.

Indeed, the past few years have been a tipping point for the Office for Advancement. From 2000-05, the University raised approximately \$1 million annually, but in the four years from 2006-09, the University raised nearly \$17.5 million.

Since 2005, eight endowed chairs were established or pledged at UNCP. ■



## Thomas Center: Entrepreneurship to go

The Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship received a Lemelson Foundation grant for

\$8,000 to develop courses on campus and in the region.

The Thomas Center will aid in the expansion of entrepreneurship courses across the disciplines and at three community colleges, Sandhills, Richmond and Robeson, said Dr. Mike Menefee, the Thomas Family Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship.

The award is considered to be one of the most prestigious in the field of entrepreneurship.

"We have successfully launched an undergraduate certificate program and a minor and a concentration in the MBA program," Dr. Menefee said.

Programs in music entrepreneurship, recreational tourism and a biotechnology research program are underway. ■



## Paper wins international business award

A paper co-authored by business professor Dr. Eric Dent won the

Management Consulting Division Award for Outstanding Research-Based Paper on Management Consulting by the Academy of Management.

The Academy of Management (AOM) is one of the premier professional associations for scholars dedicated to creating and disseminating knowledge about management and organizations. The Academy is the oldest and largest scholarly management association in the world.

Dr. Dent's paper, "A Work Behavior Analysis of Executive Coaches," will be published along with other winning research papers in AOM's proceedings. It was the only winning entry from a North Carolina college or university in 2010.

Dr. Dent teaches in the Management, Marketing and International Business Department.

"This is important for UNCP because it is an acknowledgment that there is high-level scholarship happening in many places on our campus, not just at the large research universities." Dr. Dent said. ■



## UNCP's attorney honored as outstanding 'in-house' lawyer

Joshua Malcolm '92, the University's chief counsel, was recognized as one

of the state's top in-house attorneys.

From *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly*, a professional journal, the award was presented in Charlotte, N.C., at the 3rd Annual In-House Leaders in Law award ceremony.

Eleven attorneys from some of the state's biggest corporations, including Bank of America, Duke Energy and Lowe's, were honored.

The winners demonstrated excellence in the practice of law but also in contributing to their communities and

balancing work and family life.

Malcolm joined UNCP in 2008 as assistant university counsel and was quickly promoted to lead counsel.

Active in the community, Malcolm serves as Chairman of the three-member Robeson County Board of Elections and Chairman of Pembroke's ABC Board. He also served as Chairman of the NC Bar Association, Education Law Section in 2008-09. ■



## Ashley Lowery wins statewide award for service

Ashley Lowery was named the recipient of the

North Carolina Campus Compact's fifth Community Impact Student Award.

Lowery was one of 34 college students across the state who received the award for making significant, innovative contributions to their campus' efforts to address local community needs.

She received a Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation from Gov. Beverly Perdue.

As a freshman, Lowery served as a Student Service Leader with the Center for Leadership and Service to plan, develop and implement service projects and educational programs that engage students in service.

Lowery initiated a political debate for the Lumbee Tribal Chair election that nearly 200 students and community members attended. She also served as a Relay for Life team leader and worked with the Indian Education Resource Center to develop cultural awareness and financial literacy programs for local youth.

Aubrey Swett '99, director of the Center for Leadership and Service, said Lowery is an "awesome example of student leadership at UNC Pembroke."

"She has grown in her knowledge and passion for service and seeks to engage her colleagues in service opportunities that meet community needs," Swett said. "She is dedicated to creating awareness, advancing initiatives and educating the campus and local communities on culturally sensitive and social justice issues that are prevalent to the University's region and global societies." ■



# Woody Goldenrod

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## University scientists investigate a local endangered plant species

A pair of researchers from the University spent a year studying a little known plant species in North Carolina.

Dr. Lisa Kelly, a plant ecologist, and Doshie Smith, an environmental science major, launched a project to learn more about woody goldenrod (*Chrysoma pauciflosculosa*). It is a relatively

unassuming plant that lives in sandy patches of land in just three southeastern counties of the state.

The woody goldenrod is listed as endangered in North Carolina by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. To learn more about the plant might improve its chances of long-term survival.

To do this, Kelly and Smith traveled to one of the region's most unusual places – Big Sandy Ridge in the Lumber River State Park.

"I didn't know anything like this existed here," Smith said about the ridge and its unique habitat. "It's pretty cool."

The scientific journey started with an ambitious plan and took many turns along the way.

"If we could germinate woody goldenrod, we could watch them grow and learn quite a lot about the plant," Kelly said.

"If we could take five of them of different sizes to the lab, we could learn even more," Smith said. "That was one of

Woody Goldenrod in bloom



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our original goals.

"What we found pointed us to the next step," she said.

Like Smith said, if every question was not answered, a volume of scientific discovery was cataloged along the way.

"What I like about science is that you start with questions, and then you wonder about everything else," Smith said.

After experiencing field research, Smith found answers to questions about many things. The study gave her "a taste of science," and she liked it.

A presentation Smith made to the North Carolina Academy of Science won a prestigious award. At conferences, she met scientists who commented on her project and posed questions.

Their mission was threefold: 1) survey the plant population; 2) inventory other plants in the habitat; 3) germinate seeds; and 4) collect plants.

## Habitat

A ribbon of sand, Big Sandy Ridge is located on the Columbus County side of the park. It is approximately two miles long and perhaps 100 yards at its widest point. The ridge is defined by pines, scrub oaks, moss and pocosin vegetation in shallow depressions.

UNCP geologist Dr. Lee Phillips is well aware of its existence.

"I've never been there, but it's on my list of places to go," Dr. Phillips said. "I certainly noticed it on maps and wondered about its origins."

The ridge may be placed within the Chadbourn Shoal complex, Dr. Phillips said. As such, it would represent an environment like an offshore "cape" in North or South Carolina today.

One of the goals of the Kelly-Smith study was to identify the other plants of Big Sandy Ridge. The landscape is dominated by turkey oaks and loblolly pines with spiny spikemoss, piedmont staggerbush, October flower and pineland scalypink.

Some noteworthy finds include: Piedmont roseling, willow oak, switchcane, evening trumpetflower, swamp bay, Carolina holly and Darlington oak.

And there are hundreds and hundreds of woody goldenrod.

"It's noteworthy that a plant community analysis like this may not have been done before," Smith said.

Even on a sand ridge, woody goldenrod is unique. While the other plants seek out patches of organic soil, woody goldenrod thrives in open areas of quartzite sand.

"This is the northern limit of its range," Kelly said. "That is part of the reason that it is a species of special concern here."

"There isn't much of this type habitat in North Carolina, which explains why they are rare here," she said.

It's also very, very hot on the sand during the summer. Kelly and Smith speculate that its roots are quite deep. The hot, sandy habitat poses questions about reproduction.

"One of our hypotheses is the seeds can't germinate or survive on leaf litter," Kelly said. "The seeds require bare sand."

## Woody Goldenrod

Woody goldenrod is a perennial evergreen that looks like a miniature tree, bark and all. It produces a flower that, in late summer, looks like the more familiar roadside goldenrod, but Kelly said it falls into a different genus.

A small sprawling shrub with small grayish-green leaves, woody goldenrod can grow up to 3-4 feet tall, but most are much smaller. Large plants do not dominate the study site, and the plants come in all sizes, Kelly and Smith found.

"Big Sandy Ridge probably contains the largest population of this plant in North Carolina," Kelly said. "It is listed as endangered in North Carolina, and we are required to apply for permission to take seeds or to dig one up."

Its sandy habitat is shrinking because the sand attracts mining, development and recreation from horseback riding to four-

wheeling. Although part of the Lumber River Park, the ridge is laced with roads and used for recreation.

Woody goldenrod's range is from Florida to Southeastern North Carolina and west to Mississippi. One goal of the Kelly-Smith study was to make an inventory.

They used belt transects to estimate woody goldenrod populations in three sub-populations.

Kelly and Smith found two of the three subpopulations to be very healthy with more than 1,000 plants per hectare. The third subpopulation was less productive.

"It appeared there was a history of disturbance in this subpopulation," Smith said. "If you can correlate plant size with age, our subpopulations are dominated by young plants," Smith said.

### Germination

After the woody goldenrods bloomed, Kelly and Smith collected the tiny seeds, which have parachutes for windborne distribution. Just a single seed germinated in the University greenhouse, while numerous seeds germinated in Dr. Kelly's office.

"On one trip, we collected leaf litter and soil, and on another trip, we saw some seedlings that were about the same size as ours," Smith said. "I'm not aware of anyone who has successfully grown woody goldenrod in a lab."

Kelly and Smith were breaking new ground, so to speak. The seeds they collected germinated quickly, then died. In science, you learn from both success and failure.

"We learned that the seeds don't require cold stratification to germinate," Smith said. "We also learned that controlled germination is possible."

"But we don't know why they didn't survive in the greenhouse after about three weeks," Kelly said.

"We still have seeds, and we might try something different," Smith said.

On April 26, they returned to the marked location where they had found seeds germinating. Most had perished, but a precious few, very tiny survivors, offered clues.

Kelly carefully examined the roots of one seedling.

"The last time we were here, we found a patch of seedlings but they are mostly gone," Kelly said. "They may quickly lose their viability, so there may be a high mortality rate in nature.

"I suspect they germinate early in the spring to establish themselves before it gets hot," she continued. "The roots appear to be three-to-four times longer than what we see above the sand."

Of the four seasons of woody goldenrod, there is much more to learn.

Smith counted many victories in the quest to learn more about this distinctive plant.

### Research at UNCP

"First, it was a lot of fun," Smith said. "I hope Dr. Kelly and other students will continue this project because I want to know more.

"I got to learn how to approach a field study," she said. "I got to work through the scientific method firsthand."

These are the things you only hear about in class.

Research, particularly student research in all areas from business to history to science, has taken off at UNCP. The University believes that faculty-guided enquiry is an important educational experience. ■

*Learning more about the plant might improve its chances of long-term survival.*



*Doshie Smith, left, and Dr. Lisa Kelly perform a plant inventory.*



**\$50M** construction project to reshape campus

## Nursing Building and Cypress Residence Hall under construction

Ground was broken November 2 for the Nursing and Health Professions Building.

It is the largest state-funded project in UNCP history at a cost of \$29 million. With Cypress Residence Hall nearing completion, the University is working on \$50 million in new construction.

When completed in January 2012, the building will house the growing and increasingly successful Nursing Department. The 87,000 sq. ft. Nursing and Health Professions building will be home to future health programs too, promised Chancellor Kyle R. Carter.

"This building is a response to a regional need for nurses," Chancellor Carter said. "It will be home to the Nursing Department and other health professions that will follow."

Chancellor Carter said the University is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy program. The chancellor also thanked many people who made the building possible, and in particular former state Senator David Weinstein, whose "dogged determination" won funding for the project.

Senator Weinstein, who served as a UNCP trustee and then 13 years in the senate, said this project was his "proudest moment" as a legislator.

"This is a proud day for me and the University," Sen. Weinstein said. "I was fortunate to be a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee when money was available."

"This is the jewel in the crown because the need for nursing in this region is great," he continued. "This University has a special place in my heart, and I hope the future treats it well."

Chancellor Carter also singled out Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) for their help. CEO Joanne Anderson spoke for the Lumberton-based medical center, which is home to the 200-plus students of UNCP's pre-licensure program.

"My background is in nursing and my passion is nursing," Anderson said. "Southeastern Regional Medical Center has been a proud partner with UNCP nursing, and we want to continue our relationship."

"Healthcare reform places a premium on nursing, and I am proud to be part of something that is producing those nurses," she said.

Dr. Barbara Synowiez is chair of the Nursing Department that has two programs: a four-year pre-licensure program and an RN-to-BSN program. She commented on the future.

"We've been waiting a long time for this day," Dr. Synowiez said. "This is a day to celebrate the realization of a vision for the future."

"The new building will allow us to double the size of our nursing program and add a Master of Nursing program," she continued. "It will make us competitive in recruitment of the best students available, and it will advance the practice of nursing."

UNCP nursing is increasingly successful with 95 percent of its graduates passing the state examination (NC-LEX). Three nursing faculty members earned doctorates in 2010, beefing up the department's credentials.

Jessica Trost, president of the Association of Nursing Students, called it an inspiring moment.

"Right now, we are all over the place, so this central location will have a great impact for students and faculty," Trost said. "The advanced technology in this building will ease the transition to nursing practice for students." ■



## Metcon, UNCP celebrate new residence hall



*Metcon's Aaron Thomas at ceremony*

Among the 200 onlookers, 100 construction workers looked on as the last panel on the University's newest residence hall was lifted into place during an October 28 "topping out" ceremony.

With five-stories and 476 beds, Cypress Residence Hall is the largest building on UNCP's campus. Students will certainly benefit from its amenities.

Metcon Construction Co., the Pembroke-based contractor, put nearly 100 Robeson County residents and three local subcontractors to work on the 13-month project, said Aaron Thomas, president. The local economy benefitted as well.

It was a bumpy road to completion, Thomas said.

"We were awarded the contract two-and-a-half years ago, but then the delays set in," he said. "When it was finally approved, I told the University we would get it done on schedule."

A large cast of players including University administrators,

architects and a local member on the UNC Board of Governors played roles.

"In March, Aaron called me to say the completion date was in jeopardy if my committee did not approve the project in April," said Board of Governors member Dr. Cheryl Locklear. "We got it done."

"This project will improve student life as well as retention and graduation rates too," she said.

The building, located on the north end of campus, is 127,000 sq. ft. and cost \$16.4 million. Chancellor Kyle R. Carter put the newest addition to campus into perspective.

"This building is the start of a new residential campus for our students," Chancellor Carter said. "With 3,000 students living on campus next year, student life on campus will be changed forever."

UNCP will close West Hall, one of its older residence facilities. Cypress Hall offers modern features and more space for students, said Preston Swiney, director of Housing and Residence Life.

"This is a welcome addition that has been needed for several years," Swiney said. "One of its best features is that there is a common space in every suite."

Swiney said the residence hall will house primarily upperclassmen and will be a little more expensive than UNCP's other housing units. The project will be paid for with student housing fees.

The building's construction method is a first for state construction, Thomas said. The use of a panelized metal framing system allowed for faster construction and five floors.

"We had to go to Raleigh to get it approved," Thomas said.

"But that ensured that this project would be completed on time." ■





## PEMBROKE Professorship

### College of Arts and Sciences honors three senior faculty

Three senior faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences were named recipients of the first Pembroke Professorships.

With 79 years at the University between them, they are: Dr. Jose D'Arruda of the Chemistry and Physics Department, Dr. John Bowman of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department and Dr. Laszlo Zsilinszky of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department.

The Pembroke Professorship is the College's most distinguished faculty award, Dean Martin Slann said during the award announcement on September 15. He called it "a momentous occasion."

"Faculty members who have distinguished themselves over a very long period of time deserve recognition," Dr. Slann said. "There are many more than three people on the faculty of the college who deserve this award, but this is just the beginning."

The recipients received a plaque and a \$1,500 stipend. The Pembroke Professorship Award was funded from a larger \$30,000 grant to the College of Arts and Sciences from Progress Energy, the large electric utility headquartered in Raleigh, N.C. It supports several projects.

Dr. William Gash, interim provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, congratulated the first Pembroke Professors.

"These are truly outstanding teachers and scholars with long and distinguished records of service to the University," Dr.

Gash said. "It is wonderful to get together and celebrate them on so special an occasion."

Dr. Slann said it will be an annual event.

"The award recognizes a sustained record of outstanding work in the classroom, high quality scholarship and valuable contributions to the University and community," Dr. Slann said. "Our plan is to make this an annual celebration of our faculty."

"At UNCP, we believe in celebrating outstanding individuals," he said. For their assistance in making this award possible, we thank the generous people at Progress Energy and the enthusiastic support of our Office for Advancement."

Dr. Jose D'Arruda joined the faculty in 1969 to teach physics. He chaired the department for 23 years and launched the physics major. He won a Distinguished Service Award from the N.C. Science Teachers Association in 2000, the UNC Board of Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2007 and the 2009 Outstanding Educator Award by the North Carolina Science, Mathematics and Technology Education Center. Thirty years ago, Dr. D'Arruda established the Region IV Science Fair, which he continues to organize today. He also organized the recent Robotics Olympics and Science Olympiad competition between physics students at UNCP and Tomsk University in Russia.

Dr. John Bowman joined the University in 1979. He was twice awarded the University Teaching Award (1995, 2002). Dr. Bowman is a past department chair and a 20-year member of the American Indian Studies faculty.

He served two terms in the Faculty Senate, chaired the Student Affairs Committee and Campus Wellness Committee and served on the SACS Steering Committee, Native American Resource Center Advisory Committee and the Faculty Council for Research and Sponsored Programs. Currently, Dr. Bowman is chair of the Traffic Control Board. An interest in Asia has led him to assist in the founding of the Asian Studies minor. Dr. Bowman has traveled extensively in Asia and served as a visiting professor at two Chinese universities. In the community, he has served as chair of the Red Springs Arts Council since 1984 and eight years on the board of St. Joseph of the Pines.

Dr. Laszlo Zsilinszky joined the faculty in 1998. He was the 2006 winner of the Adolph L. Dial Award for Outstanding Research. Dr. Zsilinszky, who speaks Hungarian, Slovak and Czech, earned a degree in mathematics from the Comenius University in Slovakia. He earned a doctorate in set-theoretic topology from the University of South Carolina. He has published 40 papers in leading academic journals. In 2007, Dr. Zsilinszky's solution to a 40-year-old problem in mathematics was published in *Fundamenta Mathematicae*, the most prestigious journal for topology. He collaborates with colleagues from across Europe and is regarded as one of the top individuals in the field internationally.

"The Pembroke Professorship is an ideal, and it is a lifetime achievement," Dr. Slann concluded. "One quarter of our faculty have fewer than four years at UNCP, and the Pembroke Professorship is something for them to aim for." ■



## English professor reveals

# *'The First White House Library'*

As the 13th U.S. president, Millard Fillmore did not leave a large footprint on American history, but one of his lasting contributions was the creation of "The First White House Library."

Dr. Catherine M. Parisian, an English professor, has edited a commentary and catalog of the library, titled "The First White House Library: A History and Annotated Catalogue" (416 pages; 15 illustrations; 2010; Penn State University Press).

Dr. Parisian, who was commissioned by the Bibliographical Society of America, laid out the contents of the first library and discusses its origins in several essays.

The 193 titles and 1,050 volumes – once shelved in mahogany cases in the Oval Room on the second floor of the White House - are a reckoning of the intellectual "state of the union" during the Fillmore presidency. Many of the titles are enduring classics.

"The President of the United States and his cabinet members needed a library in their work," Dr. Parisian said. "There was not even a Bible in the White House when he arrived."

A Bible was the first purchase, and legal and other reference books made up the core of the working library.

However, the new library had other functions, in part, because of its location between the offices of cabinet members and the family living quarters.

"The Fillmores were accustomed to having books around them," Dr. Parisian said. "It was a sign of gentility in 1850's America, and they were educated people."

The Oval Room and its library served as a family room for the first family, and First Lady Abigail Fillmore entertained there.

"The First Library" enhances the reputation of Millard Fillmore as an important figure in mid-19th century America.

"He was quite a remarkable individual," Dr. Parisian said. "He grew up in hardscrabble poverty and was self-educated."

A successful attorney, Fillmore founded the University of Buffalo and was its chancellor. Late in life, he routinely donated books to many libraries, Dr. Parisian said.

Fillmore and his wife stood tall as intellectuals of their day. His choice of books for the library sheds light on the life of the mind of 1850.

As a working library, it had atlases, a dictionary, the Washington City Directory and volumes like Charles Abbott's "A Treatise of the Law Relative to Merchant Ships and Seamen" and James Fenimore Cooper's "The History of the Navy of the United States of America."

The library also contained works by leading historians, economists and philosophers: George Bancroft's "History of the United States," Edward Gibbon's "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," John Stuart Mill's "Principles of Political Economy," Thomas Macaulay's "The History of England," John Locke's "Essay on Human Understanding" and Alexis De Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" among others.

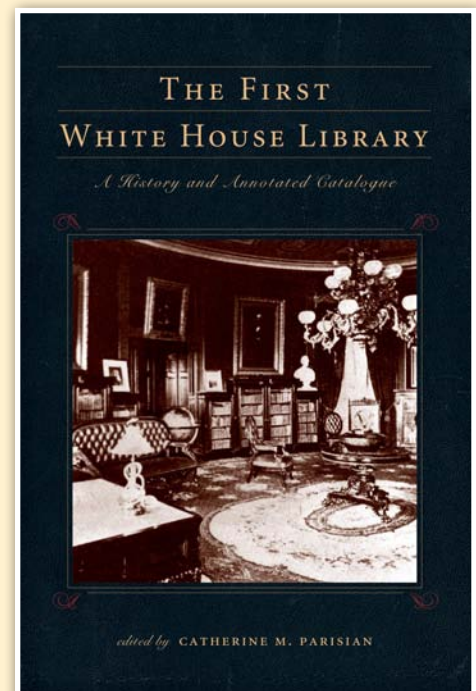
There was general reading from authors like Shakespeare and Washington

Irving. Arabian Knights, Aesop's Fables and poetry all found a place in the first White House library.

It took Dr. Parisian two years to unravel and catalog it.

"Book history is a relatively new interdisciplinary field," she said. "It tracks a book's authorship, printing, publishing, circulation and readership." The result is the story of each book – where it was purchased, its cost and so on.

Dr. Parisian's book already has a history and has received outstanding reviews. It is in the collections of the Department of State and Smithsonian as well as Stanford, Harvard and the Mary Livermore Library. ■



## Father and son business professors publish second book



A family collaboration has resulted in the successful publication of a second book, this one on supply-chain management.

Dr. Richard E. Crandall of Appalachian State University, his son Dr. William 'Rick' Crandall of UNCP's School of Business and their colleague Dr. Charlie Chen are co-authors of "Principles of Supply Chain Management," published last summer by CRC Press, a division of Taylor and Francis Group.

"We wrote the book for practitioners — those involved in purchasing, logistics, distribution, manufacturing or any other part of the supply chain — but the book also has applications as a college textbook," Dr. Richard Crandall said. "Most books focus on the individual functions of a supply chain. We tried to look at all of the pieces of the supply chain and how they fit together."

Supply chain management is the process that gets a product to the customer, from procuring raw materials to manufacturing, distribution and retailing. The term was coined in the early 1980s.

Supply chains have been around since traders traveled the Silk Road to procure products for the European market.

The Crandalls are presently at work on a third book, "How Management Programs Solve Operational Problems," which will be available through Information Age Publishing in 2011. ■

## Dr. Roger Ladd's book examines early British literature



In an era dominated by monarchy and church, Dr. Roger A. Ladd examines the relationship between trade and ideology in 14th and 15th century England in his book "Antimerchantism in Late Medieval English Literature" (Palgrave MacMillan; September 14, 2010).

It was an uneasy relationship that was portrayed in plays and other literature, Dr. Ladd said. A member of the English Department faculty since 2003, he teaches world and British literature and upper-level courses in medieval and early modern British literature.

Dr. Ladd examined several texts from late-medieval England for his book, including "The Canterbury Tales."

"In the early days of the church, there was a disdain for money, and charging interest on lending was banned," Dr. Ladd said. "People who dealt in money were suspect, and these tensions continue through the ages."

But a tipping point was near. "I examine the anti-mercantile stereotype as it filters into literature," he said. "You see a tension in the literature of the period that I examine,"

The late-medieval period as it is reflected in literature is the subject of his continuing research. ■

## New book by Dr. Jeffrey Lucas takes readers south of the border



In Dr. Jeffrey Kent Lucas' new book, "The Rightward Drift of Mexico's Former Revolutionaries: The Case of Antonio Díaz Soto y Gama" (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 2010), readers will find that the allure of Mexican history remains strong.

Dr. Lucas, who has taught Mexican and Latin American history at the University since 2006, immersed himself in Mexico City for two years while researching his book. The historian succumbed to the charm of "borderlands" history while a doctoral student at the University of Texas at El Paso.

"In Mexico, I met and dined with seven of Soto y Gama's 11 children," Dr. Lucas said.

Soto y Gama (1880 – 1967) was a visionary leader of the Mexican Revolution and a follower of and advisor to Emiliano Zapata. When Zapata was ambushed and murdered in 1919, Soto y Gama hitched his horse to another wagon. Historians continue to debate his motives.

"When Soto y Gama gave his famous anti-Bolshevik speech in 1921, it was a turning point," Dr. Lucas said. "After that, he married and started a family."

"Between World War II and the end of his life, Soto y Gama's vision of a perfect world differed drastically from the vision he had held before 1920," Dr. Lucas said. "In his final two decades, his ideal world consisted of a nation of god-fearing, mass-attending Roman Catholics." ■



# Healing & Hope



## Cancer survivor and son write book

"My son, Dillon, and I are celebrating the release of our children's book 'Angel and Diesel, A Change in Family Plans,'" said Dr. Joseph Lakatos.

There is a great deal to celebrate. Dr. Lakatos, an accounting and business law professor, is surviving a battle with cancer that began in 2004.

The net proceeds from the book will go to lymphoma and leukemia research with the support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). The book is part of the healing process, and it is a hope and a prayer for a cure.

"With a focus on family values, the book showcases one of our main characters, our dog, Diesel, who is determined to bring some extra fun to the family's Saturday plans," Dr. Lakatos said.

While the book is written for kids of all ages, it is designed for kindergarten and first grade reading levels and is suitable for parents to read to pre-K children, he said.

The book is colorfully illustrated and is planned as the first in a series of books featuring Angel and Diesel.

"Dillon, who is nine, came up with the idea," Dr. Lakatos said. "We walked through it page by page as he wrote the story and I did the art.

"Dillon is very creative, and he learned a lot," his father said.

"The characters of Angel and Diesel are based on our two loving dogs who have been by my side throughout my fight with follicular lymphoma since 2004," Dr. Lakatos said. "As a f-NHL fighter, I can attest to the power of your help and prayers. Without adequate funding for new cancer research, I would not be alive today."

Since his diagnosis as a Stage IV-B f-NHL patient, Dr. Lakatos has undergone the following treatment regimens:

- PACE chemotherapy (8 months),
- RICE chemotherapy (4 months),
- autologous bone marrow transplant with total body radiation (18-month recovery process), and
- Rituxan (24 months).

The RICE treatment was intense and required hospitalization. He lost 52 pounds during radiation treatments.

To stay alive, he will undergo an autonomous stem cell transplant in the near future.

"I think they wrote me off several times," Dr. Lakatos said.

"Many of the treatments I have been through were not available 10 years ago.

"But none are a cure," he continued. "We need to find a cure."

As the book title indicates, the cancer brought many changes to the lives of Dr. Lakatos and his family.

"The biggest thing is to take the positives in every situation and go forward – to roll with it," he said. "I'm grateful."

The cancer hit Dr. Lakatos during his second year on faculty of the School of Business. He brings a wide-range of training and experience to the classroom with two law degrees. He holds a J.D., LL.M and MBA, and is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner, who was a practicing attorney and risk manager for financial giant Fidelity Investments.

"I fell in love with teaching, and I find it's a great way to give back," he said.

For somebody with so much to lose and so close to losing it, giving back is Dr. Lakatos' message in life and in the book.

"I achieved a lot at a very young age," he said. "Now, I am getting better and better at being me. Tragedy wakes people up.

"I want people to understand what I am going through," Dr. Lakatos said. "In an inspiring way, I would have us be a society that is more understanding.

"We know that you will enjoy the book that my son Dillon inspired," he said. "Our children remind us that there is nothing more important on earth than quality family time."

To order a copy, please visit the website at: <http://angelanddiesel.com/>.

"Thank you again for your prayers and support for all those who fight cancer and their loved ones," Dr. Lakatos said. "Let's work together on a cure!"

The book, "Angel and Diesel, A Change in Family Plans," is published by New Hanover Printing of Wrightsville Beach, N.C. ■

## UNCP loses music professor Dr. Gary Wright

Music professor Dr. Gary K. Wright, 62, died in the early morning hours of August 20. Dr. Wright led the University's choral groups since his arrival in 1996.

He was remembered by his colleagues and friends.

"Gary was fearless," said Dr. Timothy Altman, Music Department chair. "He pushed me to do things that I did not think were possible.

"There was nothing too big for his students or his colleagues," Dr. Altman continued. "He is loved dearly by thousands of music students and teachers."

Valerie Austin occupied the office next to Dr. Wright's.

"Gary was a giant of all that is best in humanity," Austin said. "He had a passion for music and a passion for teaching, and he truly changed lives for the better."

Dr. Wright taught public school choir in California for 24 years before coming to Pembroke.

Dr. Wright was the director of the UNCP Choir and coordinator of the Music Education program. He directed the Pembroke Singers and taught various music education classes.

Musical outreach was also a part of Dr. Wright's work, and many young students and their families knew him.

"Not only UNCP, but the entire county will miss him," said Susan Evans. "His work with the county choirs program earned the love of students.

"I know this because I am one of the moms from across the area," Evans said. "He made their competitions fun and exciting for them, and he will be greatly missed."

Outreach for Dr. Wright extended to Scotland County where he directed the Chancel Choir at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church for many years.

He directed more than 40 musicals and 30 honor choirs. Since his arrival, the Pembroke Singers have been invited to perform at the North Carolina Music Educators Association conference twice and at the state's American Choral Directors Association fall conference.

Memorials may be made to the Gary Wright Memorial Scholarship, c/o N.C. State Employees Credit Union, 381 Plaza Road, Laurinburg, N.C. 28352. ■



## Pioneer educator Dr. Janie Silver dies at 94

Dr. Janie Britt Silver, 94, of Lumberton, N.C., passed away on August 12.

Dr. Silver was the first woman to hold the rank of full professor at Pembroke State University, where she chaired the Education Department and helped lead the University's initial accreditation efforts. In 1956, she was the first woman to receive a doctorate degree from the University of Mississippi.

She joined UNCP's faculty in 1960. The Board of Trustees conferred her emeritus status in 1977 following her retirement. She made an impact during her tenure here.

Former Provost and interim Chancellor Dr. Charles Jenkins said "her positive contributions and service to the University through the many years are appreciated by the UNCP family," he said.

Dr. Silver and colleagues like Dr. L.L. Murray pioneered the University's first NCATE accreditation. In 1983, Dr. Silver was the first woman appointed to the Robeson Community College Board of Trustees.

Memorials may be made to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Robeson Community College, or First Baptist Church. ■



## Former Vice Chancellor Bill Mason died on August 31

William S. "Bill" Mason Jr., who led the Office for Business Affairs for 28 years, died on August 31. He was 82.

Mason retired in 1991 as vice chancellor for Business Affairs. He served three chancellors and handled the financial affairs for a growing University.

Mason had a reputation as a good steward of the University's and the state's resources. In all, he served the State of North Carolina for 39 years.

Mason, who was elevated to the position of vice chancellor in 1978, took over the University's finances in 1963 with an operating budget of \$70,000. That number rose to \$18 million by the time he retired.

Chancellor Emeritus Joseph B. Oxendine called him an "efficient and loyal" servant of the University who "will be missed immensely."

Memorials may be made to Southeastern Hospice House, 1100 Pine Run Drive, Lumberton, N.C., 28358, or Cedar Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, 3373 7th St. Road, Lumberton, N.C., 28358. ■



## Dr. Murray led accreditation efforts for Education Department

Dr. Lessie L. Murray, 87, passed away on September 27. He was a resident of Parkton, N.C.

Dr. Murray earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Atlantic Christian College, Master of Arts degree from East Carolina University and a doctorate from the University of Florida.

His 37 years of teaching experience covered elementary, secondary, college and university levels. He joined the faculty at UNCP in 1968 and retired in 1980 and was awarded Emeritus status.

Dr. Murray was the long-time chair of the Education Department and led its first successful accreditation effort.

He is survived by his brother, Carl Murray, and his wife, Betty, of Wilson; two sisters, Mrs. Christine Colvin of Pineville, and Mrs. Irene Flemming and her husband, Dr. Henry Flemming, of Raleigh.

Memorials may be made to Parkton Baptist Church, East 2nd Street., Parkton, N.C. 28371. ■



## Dr. Sharon Sharp, retired education professor, died September 4

"Sharon Sharp was the kind of person that we all hope will be our colleague, friend and mentor," said colleague and friend Dr. Karen Stanley of the School of Education. "She enriched our lives, and her legacy will continue to influence the work that we do as educators and the programs that we offer our students as they prepare to teach the generations that follow."

Dr. Sharon Sharp, who retired from the School of Education faculty in 2007, passed away on September 4 at the age of 63. She lived in Wagram, N.C., with her husband, Dr. Thomas Leach, retired dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Sharp made significant contributions to the University during her 19 years on the faculty. She taught education professional studies and elementary education courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Serving on the Teacher Education Committee, Dr. Sharp chaired almost every major subcommittee. Her contributions to licensure programs were extensive.

Memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, 12340 McColl Road, Laurinburg, N.C. 28352 or to Hospice of Scotland County, P.O. Box 1033, Laurinburg, N.C. 28353. ■

# S.O.S. Success



## S.O.S. Beach Party raised funds for student scholarships

The second annual S.O.S. Beach Party on August 6 drew 400 guests and raised \$65,000 for scholarship endowments.

What does S.O.S. mean? It is a call for help.

"We started with Save our Scholarships, and now it's Support Our Students" said Sandy Waterkotte, vice chancellor of Advancement.

After success in its first year, the organizers knew it would become an annual event. "It's for a great cause," said Waterkotte. "What better way to help students than to have fun?"

Attendees enjoyed themselves again this year. A din of laughter and conversation buzzed inside the University Center Annex and outside under the cabana-like tents where drinks were served, nearly drowning out the upbeat music by the Holiday Band.

Donna Lowry, a member of the Board of Trustees, enthusiastically said, "Anytime that I can dress casually and come to an event and socialize, count me in!"

According to the event planners, the fundraiser took three

months of intense preparation. The team spent four days setting up and decorating the party scene, including a row of palm trees fashioned from local bamboo, and a beach.

The beach-clothes-wearing crowd shagged, danced the electric slide and participated in both a dance contest and a hula-hoop contest, which included former Miss UNCP Morgan Hunt '08, who became Morgan Warriax last year.

Chancellor Carter drew the winning raffle tickets from a drum, including the grand prize donated by Debbie's Destinations of St. Pauls, N.C. — a five-day, four-night, airfare-included cruise for two.

The S.O.S. gala was Chancellor Carter's first fundraising party at UNCP. "The amount of work that the staff puts into this event is only exceeded by the fun and fellowship that people have once they get here," Dr. Carter said. "The passion that people have for this place...there's a fierce loyalty."

Thanks to the event sponsors: Pembroke Pointe Apartments, Holistic Services, Inc., Nic's Pic Kwik, First Bank, Scotland Memorial Hospital, McDonald's, RA Jeffrey's Budweiser Distributing, Holiday Inn Express, Debbie's Destinations and Metcon Construction. ■

## Donors, scholars meet at annual banquet

"Donors really, really enjoy meeting the students who benefit from their scholarships," Sandy Waterkotte, vice chancellor of Advancement, said following the University's 6th Annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner.

More than 220 donors and scholarship recipients attended the November 16 event. In conversations at the event, students learned who their benefactors are and why they gave.

"I believe it is because they really care," said Melanie Cockerton, an elementary education major from Hamlet, N.C.

Unanimously, the students appreciated the help, and they need the scholarship assistance.

"It really helps; I do need the scholarship," said Lauren Moore, an elementary education major from Pembroke. She received the Louis and Millie Oxendine Scholarship.

Donor Newy Scruggs talked about where he came from. He was a keynote speaker.

"Our family was a lot like your family," Scruggs told the guests. "In my interview, I told the scholarship committee if they



Donor Tim Brayboy meets with Ethan Clark.

invested in me, I would give back, and I have," said Scruggs, who is a successful sports broadcaster in Dallas, Texas.

A 1994 graduate, Scruggs quickly made good on his promise by establishing a scholarship in 2003.

"This place is special," said Scruggs, who is also a UNCP trustee. "You all have a great opportunity here." ■



## UNCP hosted the 2nd Annual Farm Bureau BioAg Symposium

A new age of farmers and scientists attended the 2nd Annual Robeson County Farm Bureau BioAg Symposium at the Regional Center on October 12 to hear about everything from Internet marketing of vegetables to cutting-edge biotechnology research.

Sarah Benton, who farms four acres near Maxton, N.C., was listening to Kerrie Roach, the county Cooperative Extension horticulturist, talking about Internet marketing of farm products direct to consumers. Benton is interested in beekeeping, organic farming and more.

"I have pigs, chickens and vegetables, and I want to expand into other areas," Benton said. "One thing I want to do is get a cow and make cheese and butter."

Benton was joined by approximately 150 others for a daylong event.

Gene Priore, who retired on seven acres near Maxton, sells his blackberries, honey and flowers at the Robeson County Farmers Market in Lumberton.

"My wife is a flower gardener," Priore said. "We grew some sunflowers, and they really sold well."

St. Pauls High School brought 20 students from a biotechnology class to the BioAg Symposium. They listened intently to Dr. Ben Bahr, an Alzheimer's disease researcher in UNCP's Biotechnology Center.

Danielle Hurley, who wants to study science in college, was taking notes.

"I learned a lot about the brain that I did not know," Hurley said. "Dr. Bahr's work is very interesting."

Courtne Riggs said she did not know there are so many careers in biotechnology.

"I went to the micropropagation workshop," Riggs said. "I did not know you can take a tiny piece of a plant and make it grow."

Kayla Demery was impressed with Venus flytraps that Southeastern Community College had grown.



*Lycurous Lowry, Farm Bureau President, speaks at symposium.*

Presenters came from NC State University, North Carolina A&T University, and several state departments, including the N.C. Biotechnology Center and the Biofuels Center of N.C.

UNCP scientists Dr. Cornelia Tirla and Dr. Siva Mandjiny presented a workshop on efficient biodiesel reactors for the farm. Floyd Inman, UNCP's 2010 Farm Bureau Scholar, presented on "beneficial nematodes."

Representing the Robeson Farm Bureau was Board President Lycurous Lowry. Chancellor Carter thanked the Farm Bureau for supporting this important event.

"Partnerships make things happen, and our partnership with the Farm Bureau has made this day possible," said Chancellor Carter. "If there is one clear and important message I have learned since coming to Pembroke, it is this University resides in a community in need of assistance with economic development.

For more information about biotechnology at UNCP, please contact the center at (910) 775-4000 or email [biotech@uncp.edu](mailto:biotech@uncp.edu).



## Floyd Inman: 2010-11 Farm Bureau Scholar

Floyd Inman III, an undergraduate biotechnology research scientist, understands the scientific method: Every answer opens another door.

"What I like about science is that results — good or bad — lead to more questions," Inman said. "It challenges you."

Inman, who is working in the Sartorius Stedim Biotechnology Laboratory, is the Farm Bureau Scholar for 2010-11.

With Dr. Len Holmes, director of the Biotechnology Center, Inman is currently working with nematodes and bacteria to create a new insecticide.

Inman, a Whiteville, N.C. native who transferred to UNCP from Brunswick Community College's biotechnology program, is a very productive scholar, Dr. Holmes said.

"Floyd is an outstanding student," Dr. Holmes said. "He began work in my lab with the ready skills and knowledge in microbiology to contribute in a meaningful way.

The Farm Bureau Scholarship was made possible by a gift from the Robeson County Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau is a mutual insurance and financial services company founded in 1936. The Farm Bureau supports farm families, farm issues and education. Robeson County has 14 agents in its Lumberton and Pembroke offices. ■

## University thanks Lumberton Ford for many years of dedicated support

The University celebrated one of its longest standing friendships recently with Lumberton Ford Lincoln Mercury.

Since 1982, the large automobile dealership in Lumberton, N.C., has provided support for the University's athletic and other programs. In 2010 alone, its contributions will exceed \$24,000.

On September 24, Chancellor Kyle R. Carter met with the dealership's owners and managers to thank them personally. UNCP and Lumberton Ford also planned their newest project, the 2nd annual UNCP-Deercroft Golf Club Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Chancellor Carter thanked the group, including owners Johnny Britt of Whiteville, N.C., Willard Small, David Small and Carl Meares of Fair Bluff, N.C., and Dr. Fred McGuirt of Winston-Salem, N.C. Also at the meeting were General Manager Johnny Spell, Controller Hilda Palmisaro and Craig McMillan, sales and business development manager.

"I've only been here since June, but you quickly learn who your true friends are," Chancellor Carter said. "Lumberton Ford has supported the University in many ways through the years. You are true friends."

Football coach Pete Shinnick gave an update on UNCP's nationally-ranked football team.

"My vehicle from Lumberton Ford has been to more Friday night football games and more recruits' homes than any vehicle in North Carolina," Shinnick said.

As a UNCP trustee, Carl Meares was a member of the committee that hired coach Shinnick. He thanked the coach for his good work.



From left: Carl Meares, Craig McMillan, Dr. Fred McGuirt, Willard and David Small, Chancellor Carter, Hilda Palmisaro and Johnny Britt

"It's unbelievable what has happened to UNCP football," Meares said. "As a member of the Football Advisory Committee, this is why we brought Coach Shinnick here."

Athletic Director Dan Kenney gave an update on UNCP athletics and its partnership with Lumberton Ford Lincoln Mercury.

"We have added visibility and value to our partnership on our website and on the football field," Kenney said.

Lumberton Ford was a major sponsor of the Two Rivers Classic. They also sponsored the Deercroft Golf Club tournament.

"It's remarkable what this company adds to our University in so many different ways," Chancellor Carter concluded.

Dr. McGuirt returned the compliment.

"It's amazing what this University adds to this county and region," he said. ■

From left: Alisia Oxendine, Dr. Martin Slann, Andy Honeycutt, Chancellor Carter, Melody Birmingham-Byrd, Dr. Cammie Oxendine and Dr. Lee Phillips



## Progress Energy invested in UNCP programs

The University celebrated the continuing support of Progress Energy on September 8.

Progress Energy supports research and enterprise at the University. Based in Raleigh, N.C., the large electric utility is also funding the new Pembroke Professorship program.

Southern Region Vice President Melody Birmingham-Byrd outlined Progress Energy's support of its communities.

"We live in your communities, and your success is our success," Birmingham-Byrd said. "We focus on three areas of our communities – education, environment and economic development.

"UNC Pembroke embodies all three of these goals," she said.

Progress Energy contributed \$30,000 to three University projects including the Region IV Science Fair.

Chancellor Carter thanked Progress Energy for their support.

"Progress Energy's support is all the more important to us in the challenging economic climate that the University is facing," Chancellor Carter said. "Support like this means a lot to our institution."

The Progress Energy delegation, which toured the campus, included Community Relations Manager Andy Honeycutt.

"We're committed to the success of our communities," Honeycutt said. "Keeping the lights on is what we do, but there is so much more.

"Working with school-aged children, recognizing outstanding teachers and giving students opportunities to do scientific research are all opportunities for us to give back," he said. ■

## Unilever partners for a community health and wellness program



From left: Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs, Evan Davenport, Dr. Cherry Beasley, Georgia Szweczak and Chancellor Carter

With 400 leading consumer brands worldwide, Unilever Corporation also lays claim to be a leader of the corporate sustainability movement.

Unilever's growing Raeford, N.C., manufacturing facility, which makes products for the North American market, is a leader among the company's operations. When the plant went shopping for an investment in the community, it found a match at UNCP.

Plant Manager Georgia Szweczak and Evan Davenport, Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Manager, sat down with University officials on October 27 to discuss the gift that will help launch a major community health and wellness initiative.

"Our partnership with UNCP is aligned with our corporate

goals," Szweczak said. "Health and wellness are important to Unilever and on target for this community. The education and nutrition aspect of your program is a good fit for us.

"I see UNCP as a nucleus of a program that moves out to community colleges, public schools and into the community," Szweczak said.

For UNCP, it is a partnership that will jump start a program that is two years in the making, said Dr. Cherry Beasley, a member of the nursing faculty and a coordinator of UNCP's Rural Health and Wellness Collaborative: Nutrition Project.

"Thus far, we have surveyed local healthcare providers, our faculty and staff and the Lumbee Tribe to inventory our resources," Dr. Beasley said. "Our intention is to engage all of UNCP's resources, and it is amazing what we have found."

Three programs are planned for the next year with Unilever's aid:

- An Honoring Native Food Ways event on November 9 that sampled Native foods, provided nutrition and health education and cooking demonstrations.
- A read-in project for elementary school students with healthy snacks.
- A Diabetes Across the Life Span program is planned for healthcare providers.

Chancellor Carter said the University would shift the food paradigm for an entire region beginning at the University.

"One of the unique opportunities we have is our students," Chancellor Carter said. "Our nutritional education program at the University could have a huge impact right here."

Unilever contributed \$8,000 and proured a \$2,000 scholarship from the American Society for Quality. ■

## Tom Oxendine honored with scholarship

The late Tom Oxendine '48 will be remembered with a scholarship in the American Indian Studies Department.

Oxendine, who died on May 27, was remembered in a June 14 reception at the University. The Thomas Oxendine Endowed Scholarship was announced to benefit outstanding American Indian Studies students.

Although Oxendine will be remembered as the nation's first American Indian Navy pilot and for winning the Distinguished Flying Cross for a daring sea rescue under enemy fire, friends and family discussed a much richer legacy.

"My father possessed a couple of qualities that I admire," said Tom Oxendine Jr., who traveled from Lexington, Va. "He was a tough man and, more importantly, a kind man."

Oxendine said American Indian heritage was very important to his father.

"The Lumbees were one of his great loves, and he worked for federal recognition until his death," he said. "I agree that a scholarship in American Indian Studies is the appropriate way to honor him.

"As a young boy, my father learned about discrimination," Oxendine said. "He learned that through hard work, you could overcome a lot."



Oxendine Family from left: Dr. Joe and Adrienne, Chris, Louis, Tom Jr., Magnolia Lowry and Ray

After serving in three wars, Tom Oxendine worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and consulted on American Indian matters.

"This endowment will be a great legacy for our brother," Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine said.

To learn more about the Thomas Oxendine Endowed Scholarship or other scholarships, please contact the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6252 or email [advancement@uncp.edu](mailto:advancement@uncp.edu). ■

# Unmask the Pride



## Large crowds celebrated Homecoming 2010

Under clear skies and mild autumn temperatures, the University staged Homecoming 2010. It was a nearly perfect Homecoming with huge crowds at many events, great food and many happy reunions.

The Braves football team stumbled to Concord University, 30-26, in a closely contested game.

In his first Homecoming as the University's new Chancellor, Dr. Carter welcomed the class of 1960 to its 50th reunion on Friday night and hosted a tailgate cookout and pep rally on Saturday.

It was a large gathering that spilled out of the English E. Jones Athletic Center into the parking lot where people tailgated.

"This has been a great Homecoming with lots of fun," Chancellor Carter said. "A lot of people are back for the first time in many years.

"Homecoming means different things to each of us, but it brings out some very special memories in all of us," he said. "Please keep connected to campus. Our accomplishments are possible because of people like you who came before us."

And speaking of memories, two of the University's most outstanding athletes in its history traveled long distances to return for Homecoming.

When Gary Henry ran, his long blonde

hair trailed behind him - along with the other cross-country competitors. That image is etched into the minds of Braves faithful because Henry and his mates won UNCP's only national championship in 1978.

The Australian all-American lives in Melbourne today and keeps his hair under a cap. There were a lot of Gary Henry stories told Saturday, like this one from teammate Jeff Moody.

"I remember one Saturday Gary invited me to work out with him," Moody said. "He did three eight-mile intervals with a five minute rest between them. I didn't."

Henry works with the Melbourne Track Club today. He was impressed with his first visit to UNCP since his graduation.

"These facilities are unbelievable," Henry said. "We'd have been unbeatable if the University looked like this in our day.

"The old track was right here in this parking lot. It had about the same surface," he said to the delight of his former mates.

Baseball great Ron Norman was under the tent at the baseball reunion. Norman, who won 35 games, is arguably the best Braves pitcher ever. He lives in Arlington, Texas.

"This University has really changed," Norman said. "It's a completely different world.

"It's been 30 years since I've been back," said Norman, who said he is still a big baseball fan. "The Rangers are in trouble."

Another legend, Delton Ray Locklear, who quarterbacked Pembroke teams in the late 40s and early 50s, couldn't make it.

"He had to be taken to the hospital late



Baseball legends Ron Norman '74 and Ronnie Chavis '72



this week, but he's doing much better," said Athletic Director Dan Kenney. "He's in good spirits and sent word that he'd much rather be here."

Through the noon hour, grills turned out hot dogs, ribs, chicken and beef. For the Braves Club, Aaron Thomas and his Metcon Construction crew barbecued a pig, Carolina style!

## Class of 1960

For the class of 1960, their college days seemed an innocent time. For Pembroke State College, the class marked an historic turning point.

The 50th year reunion celebration on Friday evening was attended by more than 50 persons, including Mary L. Freeman and Joy B. Locklear.

"When we came in 1956, our freshman class was larger than the rest of the College," Freeman said. "I attributed that to the work of Herbert Oxendine, who recruited at all the local high schools.

"There were white students too, many on the G.I. Bill," she continued. "They were mostly older students."

Locklear remembered that it was a time when parents ruled and a quarter got you a fried baloney sandwich with a drink and a bag of chips at College Exxon.

"My friend Rowena would loan me a nickel, and I played 'Don't be Cruel' on the jukebox," Locklear said.

Several graduates like Janice L. Bryant, a first-generation student, said college life took some adjustment.

"I grew up on a farm, but I always said I didn't want to marry a farmer," Bryant said. "My father said I'd better get to



Former Braves runners Gary Henry '79, left, and Jeff Moody '79

college."

Johnnie Bullard was a second-generation college student when he arrived in 1956.

"Both my mother and father graduated from the College," Bullard said. "Some of my friends were scared of college, but I wasn't.

"My parents said with my little education, I could do anything, and I believed them," said Bullard, who attended with his wife, Lois '62.

Lois and Johnnie traveled to New York and Maryland working with Merrill Lynch and back to Pembroke, working for several other major U.S. corporations and the federal Department of Justice.

Good times at the College were remembered, especially the Thursday night

"socials" in the old gym.

"We would take off our shoes and dance," Lois Bullard said.

"We convinced the girls' mothers that the socials were part of the academic requirements," Johnnie Bullard said with a wink.

"I used to be at the College by eight in the morning and not come home until dinner," said Bryant. "I really didn't have that many classes, but if I went home, my mother would have some work for me.

"I always looked forward to coming back to school," she said. "I still love to tell people about UNCP!"

Rosa R. Winfree attended with her husband, Frank '70. She said times were changing even in the late 1950s.

"I met my first hippie right here on

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campus. He asked me for a date, and I said no," Winfree said wide-eyed. "But we really didn't know how to be bad in those days."

Winfree likes what she sees at UNCP today, and she is hoping for an even brighter future for her University.

"I like this new chancellor, and I have high hopes for him and the American Indian Studies Department," she said.

Ray Lowry was on the reunion planning committee and spoke to the gathering.

"We had some beautiful times," Lowry said. "It was like family; we knew everybody."

"We had culture shock, but not like today with students from all over the country," he continued. "In 1956, culture shock was people from Pembroke meeting people from Prospect and Fairmont."

The 50th reunion class contributed to the 50th Reunion Endowed Scholarship. Sylvia Pate '99 was installed as the president of the Alumni Association, replacing Floyd Locklear '86, who served for two years.

Many in the reunion party attended the KC and the Sunshine Band concert. Givens Performing Arts Center was sold out for one of its most dynamic music shows ever, featuring a large band, dancers, back-up singers and several costume changes.

## Can't win 'em all

A wise old coach once said that streaks are made to be broken. Braves football lost Saturday for the first time in 13 contests and three years.

Brian Kennedy, running back for the visiting Mountain Lions of Concord University, recorded 230 all-purpose yards,

including a heart-breaking 65-yard touchdown run late in the first half.

Concord (7-2) rolled into Pembroke (5-4) with the nation's fifth-best offense. A big crowd of 4,358 greeted them for the Homecoming contest in Grace P. Johnson Stadium.

Braves' quarterback Cory Smith passed for 117 yards on 14-of-24 passing and threw his 50th career touchdown pass. Anthony Lloyd had his third straight game of seven or more receptions, and Josh Throckmorton and Wes Carter caught touchdown passes.

Laurinburg, N.C., native Adam Deese and teammate T.J. Jenkins had game-high 11 tackles. Deese scored his second defensive touchdown of the season on a 91-yard fumble recovery late in the second quarter.

"I think Concord played a very good football game," said head coach Pete Shinnick. "They really executed well on offense, and they came out on defense and held us at bay."

"We had a run there in the third quarter when I thought we were moving the ball pretty well offensively and doing some good things, but they made some nice adjustments and took some things away from us," he continued.

"We had chances, but they did a nice job of executing and we didn't," coach Shinnick said.

Taylor Baskett had a 47-yard field goal as time expired in the first half that helped the Braves tie the game at 16-16.

UNCP took the lead for the second time on Smith's 9-yard pass to Carter on the opening drive of the second half. A fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff set the table for more points. A 36-yard field goal by Baskett padded the Braves' lead midway through the third period, 26-16.

Concord worked the deficit down to three, 26-23. At midfield



with 3:06 left on the game clock, UNCP drove 29 yards in eight plays. With 40 seconds left, Joe Greenway stepped in front of Smith's pass on second-and-four on the Concord 21-yard line to wrap-up the win for the Mountain Lions.

"I feel really bad for our seniors because they have worked

hard and have done a lot of good things," Shinnick said. "For them to not be able to finish their home record with two wins, I am disappointed for them. We have one more week to go though." ■



**Class of 1960** – From left: Rosa R. Winfree, Yvonne Sanderson, Mary L. Freeman, A. Ray Lowry, Lillian Chavis, Johnnie Bullard, Holly Floyd Locklear, Geraldine Maynor, Magdalene Lowry, Janice L. Bryant and Joy B. Locklear



# Alumni

## Alumni Association

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### Class Notes

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Greetings Alumni,

I am truly honored to begin my term as your new president of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. I look forward to representing and interacting with you at coming events during the next several years. I would love to hear any suggestions that you might have regarding alumni relations activities so feel free to submit them to me via my email: [sylvia.pate@uncp.edu](mailto:sylvia.pate@uncp.edu).

Homecoming was a great event this year, from the tailgating to interactions with alumni to the football game itself. It was wonderful seeing so many alumni at Homecoming and especially having the honor to catch up with many of you who stopped by the Alumni tent. The accomplishments you shared about your life are truly amazing, and we certainly hope that you feel your UNCP experience had something to do with your success. We continue to be proud of our football team and coaches but are equally proud of the athletes in other sports. If you didn't attend this year, make plans to be here next year for Homecoming or another athletic event.

We are still accepting applications for the 2011 Alumni Awards, so if you have not taken the time to nominate a deserving individual, now is the time to do so by accessing the website at: [www.uncp.edu/alumni/awards](http://www.uncp.edu/alumni/awards) to obtain the nomination forms. The Alumni Awards Banquet will be held February 4, and hopefully you will make plans to attend as we recognize the accomplishments of deserving individuals.

At Winter Commencement we welcomed many more to our growing Alumni Association. For former graduates, make sure you keep the Alumni Relations Office apprised of your contact information ([www.uncp.edu/alumni](http://www.uncp.edu/alumni)) as we want to keep you informed about happenings at your alma mater.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your support of the University as your contributions are so important for the continued success of UNC Pembroke and our students, whether they are monetary or serving as a guest speaker or serving on an important committee. As we celebrate the holiday season, remember your University and all of the friends you made over the years. Merry Christmas, and I hope you have a wonderful New Year in 2011.

In the **BRAVES** Spirit,

*Sylvia Pate*

Sylvia Pate '99



# Class

# Notes

## Class of 2010

**Paula Mae Blackmon** married Samuel David Walton on July 17 in St. Pauls First Pentecostal Holiness Church. The bride works for the Public Schools of Robeson County and the groom works for Walton Farms.

## Class of 2009

**Adam Michael Brooks** married Brittany Amber Watts on October 9 at Fox Hollow Gardens in Fayetteville, N.C. The groom serves as an officer in the U.S. Army with orders to go to Fort Drum, N.Y., in November. The bride is a registered dental hygienist.

**Ann Margaret Lowery** married Jerry David Windom on July 3 at Wedding Chapel by the Sea in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The bride works for Southeastern Regional Medical Center and the groom works for the Fairmont Police Department.

**Brandy Nichole Locklear** married Justin Keith Long on August 7 at Burnt Swamp Baptist Church in Pembroke. The bride works for Cape Fear Valley Hospital and

the groom attends Campbell University School of Pharmacy.

**Danielle Williams Benner** is married to **Richard 'Preach' Benner '06**. Danielle is employed with Lancaster Laboratories. The couple resides in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Faron Brooke Locklear** married Alex Jordan Strickland on June 19 at Mount Airy Baptist Church in Pembroke. The bride works for the Public Schools of Robeson County at Piney Grove School and the groom works in the Wal-Mart pharmacy.

**Stephen Trent White II** is employed with BB&T as a collections team leader. He resides in Lumberton, N.C.

## Class of 2008

**Alan Chase** is a special education teacher with Wake County Public Schools. He resides in Raleigh, N.C.

**Nancy Capps** is employed with Progress Energy as a Sr. HR Benefits Specialist. She serves on the board of directors with Inclusive Health, the North Carolina

Health Insurance Risk Pool. She resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Keenan Locklear '06, '08** was named a Kenan Fellow for the Class of 2012. The Kenan Fellows Program for Curriculum and Leadership Development is a competitive two-year fellowship offered to K-12 public school teachers. He will work directly with a biofuel reactor that uses waste vegetable oil to create biodiesel. The biofuel reactor is capable of producing 45 gallons of biodiesel from each batch of waste vegetable oil. One of the by-products of biodiesel is glycerol, which is used in household products such as cosmetics and soaps. He will also analyze additional possible uses of the biodiesel by-product, glycerol. Research topics may include glycerol as a fertilizer, glycerol as an energy source for bacteria or glycerol to ethanol conversion. He is working with Dr. Siva Mandjiny of the Chemistry and Physics Department. Keenan is a science teacher with the Public Schools of Robeson County.

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## Jadene Lowry, M.D., returns to area



Dr. Jadene Lowry '02, family medicine physician, comes from a family of physicians.

She follows in the footsteps of her mother, aunt and uncle, all of whom practice medicine close to their family roots in Lumberton.

Dr. Lowry joined Scotland Health Care System's medical staff last summer, providing family care in Bennettsville, S.C.

"I'm quite excited to be putting down roots here again," Dr. Lowry said.

A Pembroke native, Dr. Lowry double-majored in biology and chemistry at UNCP, followed by a medical degree at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill.

Most recently, Dr. Lowry completed a family medicine residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in

Wilmington N.C. She was named an Outstanding Resident of the Year by the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians.

As a child, Dr. Lowry was inspired by her mother, Dr. Tulula Lowry, a family doctor who also attended UNCP.

"She was a non-traditional medical student in that she didn't enter medical school until she was in her 30s," Dr. Jadene Lowry said. "I was in the 2nd grade at the time with an older brother and sister.

"While it was hard for her, it was quite visible to all who knew her that she loved what she was doing, and still does," Dr. Lowry said. "So, when I decided to become a physician, she was very supportive of me."

Dr. Lowry chose family medicine because she wanted to contribute to and be part of her community.

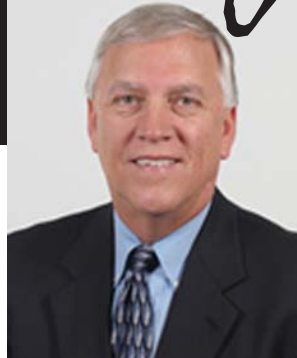
"As family physicians, we provide continuity of care to learn about those aspects of their life that makes each one a person, not just a patient," she said. "Plus, I get to provide care to patients of all ages, from babies to senior citizens. I see my patients as a whole – what makes up their life affects their health."

Dr. Lowry is engaged to Nick Mills of Wallace, N.C. ■

# Class

# Notes

## Thomas Williams served as interim chancellor at NCSSM



Thomas J. Williams '76 of Raleigh, N.C., who retired from the North Carolina public schools after more than three decades as a classroom teacher, principal and superintendent, was appointed interim chancellor of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics on August 17.

Williams was appointed by UNC President Erskine Bowles. He was recognized by UNCP as its Outstanding Alumnus in 2005.

A native of Natick, Mass., Williams earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from UNC Pembroke and holds master's and doctoral degrees in educational leadership from East Carolina University.

He began his career in 1975 as a teacher and coach in the Wake County Schools. Williams moved into administration and served as a principal at elementary, middle and high schools in Johnston and Granville counties before being named assistant superintendent of Johnston Public Schools in 1994.

Three years later, he was recruited by Governor James B. Hunt to serve as executive director of the North Carolina Business Committee for Education. In 2000, he was named superintendent of Granville County Schools, a post he held until retiring in 2007. That same year, he founded a consulting firm that offers strategic planning and leadership development services.

Williams has served on the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics Advisory Council, the N.C. Professional Teaching Standards Board, the N.C. School Improvement Panel and the boards of the Public School Forum, N.C. Partnership for Excellence and Communities in School of N.C. ■

**LaTisha Lowery** is a social worker with Scotland County Department of Social Services. She resides in Pembroke.

## Class of 2004

**Jennifer Bullock** and husband Jason welcomed a daughter, Sydney Louise Bullock on June 20. Sydney weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. Jennifer is a teacher with Johnston County Schools. The family resides in Selma, N.C.

## Class of 2003

**Alice Kay Locklear** is a lecturer with UNCP. She resides in Red Springs, N.C.



**Dana Faircloth Haglund** joined Hawaii Human Resources, Inc., (HiHR) Client Relations Team in Honolulu, Hawaii. HiHR provides customized human resources solutions

for over 75 businesses and 1,000 local employees across Oahu, the Big Island, Kauai and Molokai.

**Shantario Stephens** is the psychosocial rehabilitation director for Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare Services. He resides in Lumberton, N.C.

**Jasmine Amara Moore** married Gene "Tuck" Dial on September 5 at Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. The bride works for the Social Security Administration, and the groom works for Duke Energy Corporation at the Catawba Nuclear Station.

## Class of 2002

**Sarah Ransom Locklear** and **Benjamin Byron Brewington '03** were married June 12 at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke. The bride works for Sandhills Pediatrics and the groom works for the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

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**LauryRose McGhee** married Spc. Davaron McGhee on May 30 at Lu Mil Vineyard in Dublin, N.C. The bride is a teacher assistant with the Public Schools of Robeson County. The couple resides in Pembroke.

Swamp Baptist Church. The bride attends the Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the groom works for Robeson and Bladen counties' emergency medical services.

## Class of 2007

**Ashley Danielle Locklear** married Brian Miller Batton on July 10 at Bear

## Class of 2006

**Adrienne Reaves** is an elementary teacher with Cumberland County Schools. She resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

## Jennifer Joyner's story is now a book



A new book by Jennifer King Joyner '96 is a memoir that is part inspirational and part confessional.

"Designated Fat Girl" (Globe Pequot Press; September, 2010; 242 pages) is the story of Joyner's struggle with food addiction and her ultimate victory. The struggle raged on during her undergraduate years at UNCP.

"The book spans most of my life but mainly the 16 years – 1993 through 2008

- that I struggled with obesity and morbid

obesity," Joyner said in an interview from her Fayetteville, N.C., home.

In her junior year of college, Joyner married Michael Joyner '92. They both work for WRAL-TV, Michael in television and Jennifer in radio.

"I gained 100 pounds my first year of marriage," she said. "I weighed 336 pounds at my highest.

"I tried everything," Joyner said. "I was waiting for that willpower to drop from above."

It never did, and Joyner began to suffer from type 2 diabetes and hypertension at age 35. Facing a lifetime of poor health, she

chose gastric bypass surgery.

Joyner answers the question before it is asked.

"It is not the easy way out," she said. "I don't necessarily recommend it to others."

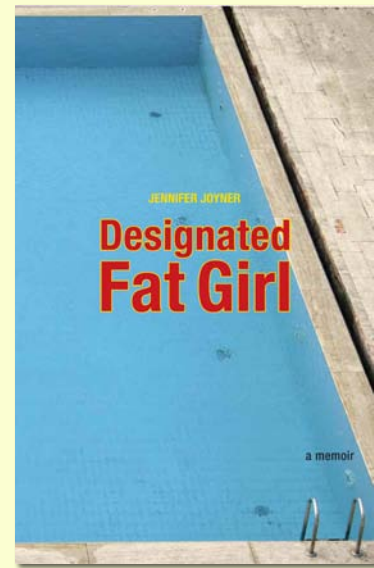
Complications ensued and two additional surgeries followed. But the weight came off.

"I wrote 'Designated Fat Girl' to share my problem and to say there is hope," Joyner said. "It's a very lonely problem. It's embarrassing to share this story, but it needed to be told.

"People believe - and I came to believe - that obese people are just lazy and undisciplined," she continued. "But, it's an addiction, and no one expects a drug addict or alcoholic to recover on their own and neither could I."

Married with two children, there is still pain in Joyner's voice but mostly energy and optimism. Once a "happy eater," she is a survivor with "eyes wide open."

Jennifer Joyner's book, "Designated Fat Girl" is available online and was recommended by 'O' magazine as a top 10 book for September. Yes, the "O" stands for Oprah Winfrey. ■



### Class of 2000

**Kimberly Dettenmayer** is employed with Social Security Administration as an operations supervisor. She resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

### Class of 1999

**Jeffrey Scott Berry** married Summer Carol Bethune on May 29 at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. The groom is the new home marketing representative for ERA Strother Real Estate, and the bride is a sales executive for Minc. Interior Design. The couple resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

### Class of 1998

**Nancy Alonzo-Clifton** is a foster health care and accountability specialist for the State of Texas. She resides in San Antonio, Texas.

**Sonja R. Pearson** is engaged to Lynn Anderson of Atlanta, formerly of Chicago. Sonja is a self-employed legal consultant. The groom-elect is a police officer with DeKalb County, Ga. Sonja resides in Lithonia, Ga.

### Class of 1995

**Paul Locklear** has been appointed principal at Rex-Rennert Elementary School in Shannon, N.C.

### Class of 1993

**Mark Allen** is a computer teacher for Bladen County Schools. He resides in Bladenboro, N.C.

### Class of 1992

**Frank Mercogliano** accepted a position at the University of New Mexico to cover media relations for both the Lobos basketball and men's tennis teams.

### Class of 1991

**Jeffrey Harrison Kinlaw** was married to Sharon Elaine Nichols on October 10 at First Presbyterian Church in Lumberton, N.C. The groom works for Columbus County Schools and the bride works for Gibson Cancer Center.

**Raymond Wherry** is a Commander in the U.S. Army. He resides in Greensboro, N.C.

### Class of 1990

**Greg Williams** was named the Richmond Senior High School Teacher of the Year. He will now contend for Richmond County Teacher of the Year. Besides being included in Who's Who Among America's Teachers six times and being nominated for the WBTW-TV13 Golden Apple Award, Williams is the offensive coordinator and receivers coach for the varsity football team at Richmond that won the 4A State Championship in 2008. He resides in Laurinburg, N.C.



**Ken Spencer** was named men's basketball coach at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C. He was previously an assistant coach at Winston-Salem State.

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# Notes

## Col. Morris 'Mo' Goins takes on new command



Col. Morris T. Goins '87 will assume command of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Col. Goins was commissioned via ROTC in 1985. While in college, he served two years in a reserve unit.

His service is extraordinary and exemplary. Col. Goins served in Korea, with Delta Company at Fort Jackson, S.C., and with the United Nations in the Western Sahara as a military observer.

He next served with the Army's premier ceremonial unit and was escort to the president. Col. Goins was selected to be the aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the military district of Washington, D.C.

Col. Goins deployed with the Brigade Combat Team to Kuwait and executed combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He commanded 1st Battalion 12th Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas, then commanded the combined arms battalion during their 15-month deployment to Baqubah, Diyala. Col. Goins is a graduate of the National Security Fellow Program at Harvard's JFK School of Government. Among his many awards are the Bronze Star with 'V' device and the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster.

His brother is UNCP graduate Lamont Goins '88. Col. Goins is married to the former Yolanda F. Davis who is a professor and department chair of the Mathematics Department. They have one son, Cameron J. Goins, who is a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, class of 2014. ■



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### Class of 1987

**Patricia Ann Pridgen Lennon** and Wayland Bagley Lennon Jr. celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 28. Their children, Wayland Lennon III '85 and Patrick Lennon, hosted a family gathering in Edisto, S.C.

### Class of 1982

**Fred Mullins** is a project manager with the U.S. Army. He resides in Oviedo, Fla.

### Class of 1975

**Sandra Jean Barbour** retired from the Guardian ad Litem Program in 2007 as district administrator and is currently working for a non-profit organization, Scots for Youth. She has three children and five grandchildren and resides in Laurinburg, N.C.

### Class of 1974

**Steven Gunther Topp** is a demonstrating potter at Busch Gardens, Va. He resides in Greensboro, N.C.

### Class of 1973

**June S. Strickland** joined the faculty as an instructor of education at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C.

### Class of 1972

**Amelia Poppell** is employed with Georgia Department of Education as a school improvement specialist. She resides in Savannah, Ga.

**James Alfred Hathaway** is a self-employed writer. He resides in Foxfire Village, N.C. ■

## GIVING TO UNCP: Stadium Brick Campaign

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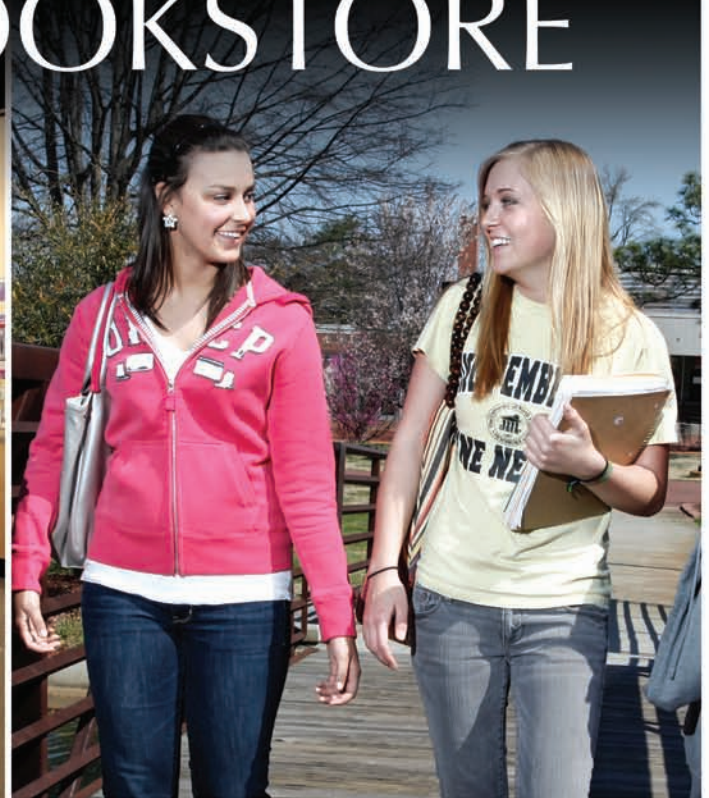


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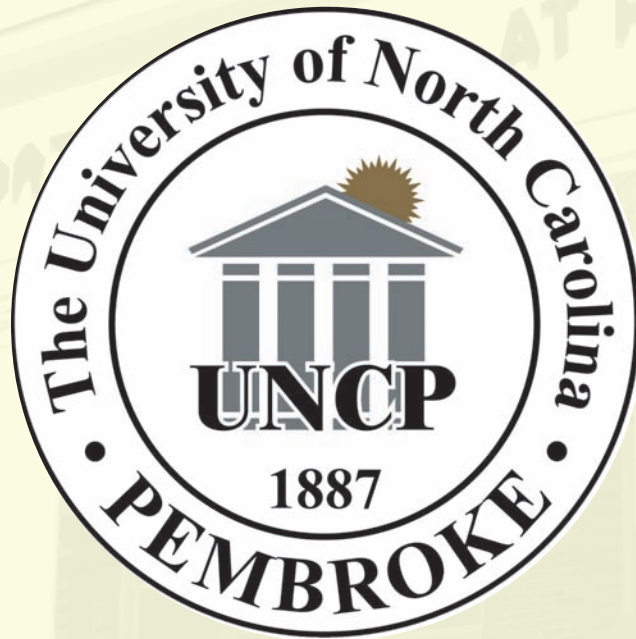
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