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Alumni Honored at Awards Banquet University Friend and Former Coach Also Among Honorees

Mac Campbell, of Elizabethtown, N.C., and Dick Taylor, of Lumberton, N.C., won top awards at the 2008 Alumni Awards Banquet on Feb. 8 at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Also honored were the newest inductees of the Athletic Hall of Fame, basketball great Ginnell Curtis Birch and former wrestling coach Mike Olson, who built UNCP's wrestling program into a powerhouse.

Campbell, a 1968 UNCP graduate, was recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award, and Taylor won the Distinguished Service Award. Both contributed generously to the University and both support the University "in spirit and in person," Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said in opening remarks.

Athletic Director Dan Kenney introduced both award recipients. He said Campbell represents an outstanding example of professionalism, community involvement, family values and loyalty.

Campbell was a University trustee when Chancellor Meadors was hired and he served on the Football Advisory Board that helped launch UNCP's new era of football. His contribution earned naming rights to the Mac and Sylvia Campbell Wellness Center in the English E. Jones Athletic Center.

"I've been very blessed as a person for my family and for what this University did for me and my family," Campbell said. "I thank you for this honor on behalf of all the outstanding alumni this University has produced."

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/alumni_service_awards.htm



From left: Mac Campbell '68, Outstanding Alumni Award Winner; Ginnell Curtis Birch '02, Hall of Fame Inductee; Mike Olson, Hall of Fame Inductee; and Dick Taylor, Distinguished Service Award Winner.

'The Pine Needle' Celebrates 60 Years On Campus!



The Pine Needle, the student newspaper at UNC Pembroke, celebrated its 60th anniversary this fall with record-setting accomplishments.

First published in 1947, the paper has grown into a significant, professional-quality medium, according to faculty adviser Dr. Judy Curtis.

"I'm continually amazed at what our students have been able to accomplish," Dr. Curtis said. "They seem to outdo each other every year."

This year, the bi-weekly *The Pine Needle* scaled new heights by moving up to full broadsheet-sized newspaper. If that weren't enough, the October 11 issue had two sections and reached a record 20 pages, 10 in full color.

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2007/pine_needle_60.htm

Study Gives UNCP Exemplary Marks

A recently released Harvard University study of satisfaction of junior faculty with policies and practices regarding tenure and other workplace issues showed UNCP was rated “exemplary” in three important categories.

The Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) study was released in November.

The goal of the project was to highlight colleges and universities with successful practices in key areas

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of faculty relations.

The survey of 5,000 junior faculty at 42 institutions

rated UNCP exemplary for “overall tenure practices,” “tenure reasonableness” and “work and family” issues.

In order to qualify as an exemplar, a university or college scored notably higher than similar institutions.

Dr. Charles Harrington, UNCP’s provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, hailed the results.

“We fared exceedingly well,” Dr. Harrington said.

“When I arrived here, I wanted to get a sense of how our faculty viewed various components of their work

life. Our participation in the Harvard study was an opportunity to gain that important perspective.”

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2007/harvard_faculty_study.htm

UNCP Is A Top Military-Friendly College

The University was selected by *Military Advanced Education* magazine as one of the top 30 military-friendly universities in the U.S.

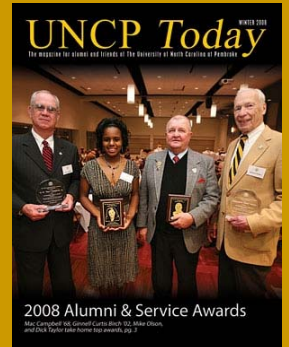
As a provider of higher education to military personnel on Ft. Bragg, the University was invited to apply for the award by the magazine. The news of the designation came on November 29 to UNCP’s Office for University and Community Relations, which coordinated the application.

With approximately 16,000 military and Department of Defense civilian subscribers, *Military Advanced Education* is a quarterly publication focused on higher education for the military. It was founded to address the growing need for advanced education, professional development or additional coursework within the military and qualified Department of Defense civilians. Its audience includes mid-career military officers and education offices.

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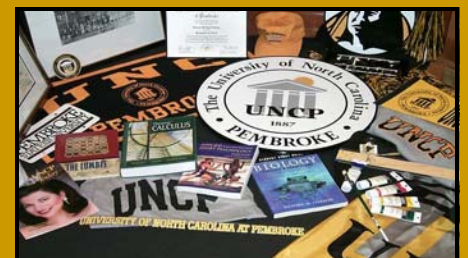
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Braves Preparing for 2008 Season

The Braves began spring practice last month, in preparation for their upcoming 2008 season. Head coach Pete Shinnick led his team through several intense practices, and a handful of scrimmage games to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

During the early stages of spring practice, Shinnick praised the defense.

"The defense was very aggressive," Shinnick said. "We're much further ahead at this point this year than where we are at last year on both sides of the ball. We're much better at practice organization and the ability to get things done without spending a lot of time explaining it. Things are going much quicker." Although it had already shown signs in the first three practices of the spring semester, UNCP's offseason strength and conditioning is surfacing on the practice field as well, and in at least two plays on Monday. On one occasion, defensive end Ben Kurti scooped up a fumble and drug most of the Braves' offensive unit about eight yards up the sideline, while running back Keith Farrington got his licks on defensive lineman James Alexander on an interior run off guard.

"Our offseason work was fantastic and, right now, the guys that worked their tail off in the weight room are showing up," Shinnick said. "They are there, they're solid, they're flying around and good things are happening for them. It is exciting to see what is happening from that aspect."



Head Coach Pete Shinnick and The Braves began spring practice in March. The team has gone through several intense weeks of drills and scrimmage games to evaluate the team's strengths and weaknesses, and prepare for the season.

Shinnick, Braves Announce 28-Member Football Signing Class

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke signed 23 football players to national letters of intent Wednesday during the first day of the 2008 spring signing period. The 23 players join five other student-athletes that enrolled at the institution in time for spring classes in January.

Of the 28 signees, 17 make their home on the defensive side of the ball, while two others are specialists. In addition, the Braves added three players to their receiving corp, two to their stable of running backs and a pair of tight ends. UNCP also picked up four offensive linemen as well.

"As a whole, we have a large number," said UNCP head coach Pete Shinnick. "Last year, our plan was to get big bodies in here that we could develop knowing that they would take longer. We used a lot of our time and resources on offensive and defensive linemen last year. This year, we wanted to get more athletic and get more speed and we have done that."

"We needed to address our team speed, our athleticism and our kicking situation – both kicking and returning and covering kicks. That was really the emphasis of this class."

To view a full list of signees and their stats, visit this link:

<http://uncpbraves.athleticsite.com/article.asp?articleID=851>

UNCP To Begin New Undergraduate Program



Harrington

The University will roll out a new bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary studies aimed at students served by the region's community colleges. The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina approved the program in November. It will launch in fall 2008 at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, N.C., and the plan is to expand the program to other community colleges in the region.

The Bachelor of interdisciplinary studies program will appeal to students in a college track and to others already in the job market – in public, non-profit or business professions – who seek advancement or a career change with the aid of a college degree. Eight majors with 20 tracks will be available, and UNCP administrators expect some courses to be taught online. UNCP's Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr.

Charles Harrington believes there is a good market for the program.

"We believe interdisciplinary studies will have tremendous appeal across the region," Dr. Harrington said. "We thoroughly vetted the idea, and we kept hearing that a flexible curriculum is needed to meet the needs of students already in the workforce."

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2007/interdisciplinary_studies.htm