

Mourning the loss of two familiar faces

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The UNCP community is mourning the deaths of a former soccer and tennis coach and a sophomore student.

Jerri Weber

UNCP sophomore Jerri Chloe Weber, 19, died Sept. 30 in a car accident.

The *Fayetteville Observer* reported that the accident happened two miles north of Lumberton. Weber struck a brick column and a tree off

Powersville Road.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Oct. 2, 2009, at Reedy Branch Baptist Church with the Rev. Hilton Woodell and the Rev. Jimmy Hammonds officiating.

Weber is survived by her parents Roger and Mildred Weber, who is the Associate Director, Information Technology of Financial Aid. Her twin sister Terri is a freshman at the University, a brother, Alexander Weber; grandparents, Shirley Hardin, Peggy Hammond, Don and Cynthia Weber; and several aunts and uncles.

"Thank you for your prayers, food, flowers, smiles, and the hugs and handclaps that told us how much you care. God bless you now and forever. Our family has already been comforted by your expressions of kindness during our time of bereavement. God bless you," Milred Weber said in a released statement.

Kenneth Johnson

Retired coach and Professor Emeritus in Health Physical Education Dr. Kenneth P. Johnson, 94, died Oct. 1, in the Lutheran Retirement Home.

Johnson came to work at UNCP in 1964 before retiring in 1980. He is a retired professor and was also the former UNCP Head Soccer and Tennis Coach.

Johnson was born in Jamestown, N.Y., on Jan. 8, 1915. He received his bachelor's degree in education from the State University of New York at Cortland and received his master's degree from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. Johnson earned his doctorate in health and physical education from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

Johnson was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II where he worked in physical therapy at the naval hospital.

Johnson taught at the Dexter Central School System in Dexter, N.Y., as a physical education teacher before moving to teach at Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn., for 10 years. He then taught at Oristic College in Presque Isle, Maine before coming to UNCP.

Surviving are his brother, Duane C. Johnson of Jamestown, N.Y.; his niece and nephews, Siri Lawson,

Scott Johnson and Jeffrey Johnson, all of Jamestown, David Miller of Largo, Fla. Dr. Christian Berg of Tallahassee, Fla.; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Johnson was preceded in death by his wife, former Doris Baumann Johnson, who taught music education courses at UNCP and died Jan. 19, 1998; and two sisters: Neoma Berg and Mildred Miller.

The funeral was held Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Lind Funeral Home. The burial was at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Falconer.

'Betcha by Golly, Wow' The Stylistics leave audience yearning for more

By Wade Allen
Editor

When a legendary vocal group as famous as The Stylistics come to town, there's no question on whether or not you go - you just go.

When the group appeared as part of the Nostalgia Concert Series on Oct. 2, nearly 800 people of all ages gathered in GPAC to take a stroll down memory lane.

Group members

The Stylistics formed in 1968 in Philadelphia and enjoyed major success throughout the 1970s.

The group consists of vocalists Herb Murrell, Eban Brown, Van Fields and Airrion Love.

The audience watched in amazement as the group not only sang all of their hit songs but danced throughout the concert, which lasted more than an hour and a half.

"This is how we used to dance," Murrell said. "You know, up in Philly, at a party when the lights would be blue you'd know it was right."

Reminisce

With 12 straight rhythm and blues top 10 hits spanning the 1970s decade, The Stylistics proved to be one of the most acclaimed vocal groups that defined how a whole generation fell in love.

"Back when you could understand the words that were being

sung...back when you didn't shout profanities at your lady...you treated her like a lady," Murrell said.

Singing along

The audience sang along with the group as they performed the hits that made them internationally recognized.

At certain points throughout the show, the performers would point the microphone toward the crowd and listen as the audience finished the entire chorus.

Hit after hit

"Betcha by Golly, Wow," "Break Up to Make Up," "You Are Everything," "I'm Stone in Love With You," "You're a Big Girl Now," "Stop, Look, Listen (To

Your Heart)," "Heavy Fallin' Out," "Hurry Up This Way Again," and "You Make Me Feel Brand New" were all performed.

Interaction

"You remember those?" Murrell asked the audience as the group finished performing a string of hits.

The group dedicated "You Make Me Feel Brand New" to the women in the audience.

"That ['You Make Me Feel Brand New'] has become the biggest-selling song for The Stylistics," Murrell said.

Smooth

The hallmark of their performances is a smooth, relaxed stage presence to

match the melodies that are being sung.

Lead singer Eban Brown creates the high tenor voice that has become the trademark sound of The Stylistics. It distinguishes them from other vocal groups of the same time period, such as The Spinners, The Manhattans and The O'Jays.

Romance

The calm-gestured coordinating hand and feet movements of the performers coupled with an inconspicuous band created an environment where romance was in the air.

As the concert progressed, many men began to put their arms around the women that they had

come to the concert with.

The Stylistics were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004.

Acclaim

Their album entitled "The Best of The Stylistics" became double platinum rated in record sales.

"You Make Me Feel Brand New" earned the group a Grammy nomination in the 1970s.

The GPAC Nostalgia Concert Series does not host another group until Jan. 23, 2010, when the Boogie Wonder Band takes the stage to sing hit songs from the disco era.

For tickets or more information, call the GPAC box office at (910) 521-6287.

SIFE offers recycling program

By Nikole Kelly
Staff Writer

The Students in Free Enterprise, SIFE association, have asked that students donate empty ink cartridges and old cell phones for recycling.

Kathy McCoy, the Executive Assistant of the School of Business said, "The funds from this project will be instrumental in the growth and development of our SIFE students and the SIFE program, and will assist in regional

and national competition."

SIFE is a program that is employed on 800 campuses.

It is a non-profit organization that helps out in the community while also honing the skills students develop in the classroom. The advisors for SIFE outreach programs are headed by people called "Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows in honor of the late Wal-Mart founder."

Kathy McCoy

described the essence of SIFE by saying "SIFE was started by corporate America in 1975 as a way to offer college students the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise."

In addition, if students would like to contribute to the SIFE project, Kathy McCoy will be taking the ink cartridges and old cell phones in her office in the BA Building, Room 102.

Correction

The *Pine Needle* regrets a technical production error which incorrectly modified three photos in the Oct. 1 Section B sports pages.

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