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## ***On Campus***

### **Esther G. Maynor Honors College dedicated on September 13**

The Esther G. Maynor Honors College was dedicated September 13 in the Thomas Assembly Room of Old Main.

A Pembroke, N.C., native and resident of Mt. Airy, N.C., when she died in 2005, Maynor bequeathed \$1.25 million to UNCP, the largest gift in University history. The endowment will perpetually provide for scholarships and international study for students in the college.



*Chancellor Meadors and Mary Alice Teets*

Freshman Honors College member Kelly Cooper of Moore County summed up her feelings.

“It’s phenomenal,” she said. “My family is not wealthy, and my father was recently injured, so financial aid is important to me.”

Chancellor Meadors said Maynor “wanted to give other people opportunities. I think she would feel very good about this, and we will be forever grateful.”

Maynor’s cousin Mary Alice Teets spoke for a contingent of family and friends in attendance. She recalled a “gentle spirit,” who loved family, friends and her garden.

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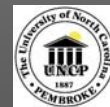
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Teets, a long-time educator and a 1958 UNCP graduate, said the endowment is a seed in Maynor's garden.

"Esther never forgot her roots in Pembroke or the University," Teets said. "She graduated from Indian Normal School (now UNCP) in 1938."

"It was her wish and prayer that our students will grow strong, blossom and bear good fruit," Teets said.

Honors College Dean Jesse Peters said the gift will have a lasting impact on the University, its students and surrounding communities.

"This scholarship will allow us to better serve our students, the community and the region," Dr. Peters said. "A gift like this is more than a gift for the moment; it is a gift to humanity."

Dr. Charles Harrington, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, thanked UNCP's Board of Trustees for their support in renaming the Honors College.



"This wonderful bequest represents a legacy of hope, and it is opportunity that brings hope," Dr. Harrington said. "It is an opportunity for the very best and brightest of the UNCP community."

The daughter of Duncan and Dovie Graham, Esther married Therod Maynor, who with Floyd Pike, operated Pike Electric, the largest electrical contractor in the Southeast. Therod died in 1968 and Esther remained in Mt. Airy.

The Esther G. Maynor Honors College was established in 2001 to recruit and offer academic and cultural enrichment to outstanding students. To learn more about the college, please visit [www.uncp.edu/hc/](http://www.uncp.edu/hc/).

*Esther and Therod Maynor*

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## **International Programs is looking for host families**

The Office of International Program's Global Connections Project is seeking host families for its international students. So far, 16 students were matched with eight families from our campus community, but there are several students left to place.

If interested, please contact International Programs at extension 4095 or email [ip@uncp.edu](mailto:ip@uncp.edu). The goal is to place all of our participating students within the month.

## **Grants workshop is October 4**

The Center for Sponsored Research and Programs will host a grants workshop for faculty and staff on Wednesday, October 4, in room 233 of the U.C.

There are two sessions: (1) "Twelve Keys to Success in Grant Writing" is 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and (2) "An Introduction to Foundation Grant Funding" is 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Conducting the sessions is Dr. Robert Lowman, associate vice chancellor for research and psychology professor from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is senior advisor for research policy, planning, regulatory compliance, training and infrastructure for UNC-CH.

For more information, please contact the office at extension 6494.

## **SECC taking pledges through October 31**

There's only a month left to make your gift to the State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC), said campus campaign coordinator James Bass.

The SECC officially ends on October 31 this year, about two months earlier than last year, he said.

"Last year the campaign was extended because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which gave us extra time to collect contributions," Bass said. "We don't have those extra months this year, so we need to push hard in October."

The SECC is North Carolina's only government-approved giving program with 835 charities that state employees choose from to make gifts. Employees can give to the program through payroll deduction, making it easier to give.

"Through payroll deduction, you can give in small installments, making it almost unrecognizable that anything's gone from your check," Bass said.

For more information about the SECC, visit the official website at: [www.ncsecc.org](http://www.ncsecc.org). For more information about UNCP's campaign, please call extension 6533 or email [james.bass@uncp.edu](mailto:james.bass@uncp.edu).



*Motivational speaker Andres Lara addresses a crowd of more than 200 at the start of Harmony Walk on September 21.*

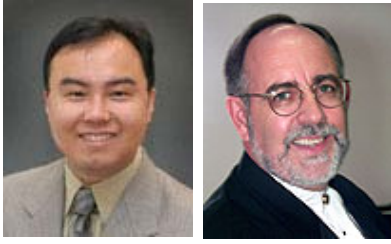
## ***Upcoming***

### **‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ launches GPAC season**

**October 2** – “Jesus Christ Superstar” opens GPAC’s Broadway and More season on Monday, October 2, at 8 p.m. The show is preceded by the annual Gala.

### **Concert Choir performance is free**

**October 3** - The campus community is invited to hear the Concert Choir and the Pembroke Singers in “Hats Off to Handel,” a celebration of the music of Handel at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 3, in Moore Hall Auditorium. The Concert Choir will sing excerpts from “The Messiah,” and the Pembroke Singers will perform a rarely heard anthem, “As Pants the Hart.”



The Concert Choir is under the direction of Jaeyoon Kim (Music). Kim is a voice teacher in the department and will be making his debut as the conductor of the 55-member Concert Choir. Pembroke Singers is under the direction of Dr. Gary Wright (Music), founding director of this 20-member ensemble. The concert is free.

### **NPR's Hoffman to perform at Moore Hall**

**October 3** - Miles Hoffman, artistic director and music commentator for NPR's flagship news program *Morning Edition* and leader of the American Chamber Players, will give a concert Wednesday, October 11, at 10 a.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium and speak at 4 p.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium.

### **Memory expert to speak October 3**

**October 3** - Scott Hagwood, author of "Memory Power: You Can Develop A Great Memory - America's Grand Master Shows You How," will discuss the four factors of forgetting," at 7 p.m., in the Main Reading Room of the library.

### **Sandhills contingent is guest at UNCP**

**October 4** - The University will host its first Meet and Greet Day with special guests from Sandhills Community College (SCC) on Wednesday, October 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning in the Faculty Dining Room.

UNCP offers graduate and undergraduate courses at Sandhills in Southern Pines, N.C., through the Office of Continuing and Distance Education, said Dr. Collie Coleman, associate vice chancellor for Outreach.

"This is the first of this kind, and we hope it will prove to be successful and we will do others with the area community colleges," Dr. Coleman said. "It is a type of job shadowing day, and the new marketing person, Karen Manning will come from SCC.

### **Music Department to hold garage sale**

**October 5** - The Music Student Council will host a lawn and garage sale in front of Moore Hall on Thursday, October 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go toward a scholarship in memory of Travis Stockley (Musical Theatre).

"If you have trash or treasure to donate, all items are welcome," said Dr. Janita Byars (Music). "If you are looking for unexpected surprises or home-baked goodies, please drop by the tents on Thursday."

Included in the sale will be LPs and tools donated by Rosemary Gibson, in memory of Dr. Gordon Gibson. Also, the sale includes furniture, new and old clothing, and assorted other items.



### **Campus authors to discuss recent books**

**October 18** - Dr. Fran Fuller (Criminal Justice), pictured on the left, and Dr. Liliana Wendorff (Languages) will discuss their new books “Invisible Action” and “Camacho C’est Moi,” respectively, at 10 a.m. in the Main Reading Room of the library.

### **Holocaust survivor speaks at cultural center**

**October 17** – Holocaust survivor Gizella Abramson will speak on “Heroine and Holocaust Survivor: Desire to Share Her Experiences” at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, in the Multicultural Center, Classroom 129, in Old Main.

The Office of Multicultural and Minority Affairs is sponsoring the event with support from the Robeson County Hebrew Congregation Endowment. Abramson was placed in the Luck Ghetto and was then moved to two other concentration camps during the war.

### **Distinguished Executive Series hosts Paul Willoughby**

**October 18** - The next presentation of the Distinguished Executive Speaker Series is Wednesday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. at the Regional Center/COMTECH. The speaker is Paul Willoughby, a Robeson native and successful McDonald’s franchisee. There will be a bus in front of the Business School at 3:00 p.m. to deliver guests to and from the Regional Center.

### **Organist to play UNCP’s new Allen organ**

**October 25** - Carlo Curley, an organist representing the Allen Organ Company will give a demonstration of UNCP’s new Allen Quantum Organ. The event is Wednesday, October 25, at 10 a.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium. At 7:30 p.m., there will be an American Guild of Organists concert and lecture in Moore Hall Auditorium.

### **BB&T’s CEO to speak October 30**

**October 30** - John Allison, CEO of BB&T, will speak at 3:30 p.m., Monday on October 30 in Moore Hall Auditorium as a guest of the School of Business’ Distinguished Executive Speaker Series.

## People

### Professor Sally Vallabha is named chair of Human Relations Commission



Sally Vallabha (Chemistry) was elected chair of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) of the City of Fayetteville, N.C., and Cumberland County for 2006-07.

Her initial nomination to the commission was made by former Fayetteville Mayor Marshall Pitts, and her new position was approved recently by the county commission, the city council and new Mayor Tony Chavonne.

*State Sen. Tony Rand, left, and outgoing HRC Chair Carl Mitchell congratulate Sally Vallabha on her appointment as chair for 2006-07.*

Vallabha's interest in human relations runs deep, and, as chair, she will set the agenda for the commission's upcoming year. She said her initial appointment stemmed from mutual interests in her community.

"Former Mayor Pitts and I are friends, and we always discussed community issues," Vallabha said. "I volunteered for several advisory councils, and joining the Human Relations Commission grew out of that."

A Fayetteville resident, Vallabha said there is work to be done on human relations in the city and county.

"Fayetteville says it is an All-American City that is proud of its diversity," she said. "But we are light years from becoming a community where everybody is sitting at the same table."

The year ahead for the HRC offers the community bridge-building programs such as study circles, interfaith dialogues between religious leaders and speaking engagements for Vallabha across the community.

The topics on the table for discussion are many, including racial and cultural diversity, mass transit, recycling, planning and senior citizens issues, she said.

“There are many, many issues that need to be worked on,” Vallabha said.

When she left her native Madras, India, Vallabha’s goal was to get an education. She earned a master’s degree from North Carolina A&T and served on the faculty of Fayetteville State and UNCP.

She has put roots down in southeastern North Carolina and that has led to community involvement.

“I came to this country to go to school, but I have several friends and a vested interest here now, and I feel compelled to give back,” she said. “Even on campus, I don’t teach and go home. I try to participate in many campus activities and to encourage students to be involved as well.”

One of Vallabha’s accomplishments at UNCP was a recently funded \$1 million grant from the National Institute of Health. The grant will provide undergraduate students in science valuable research experiences.

“The grant is a joint effort between the Biology and Chemistry departments, and I served as co-author for our area,” she said. “The grant will help students who go onto graduate school.

“From my own experience, I have found that undergraduate research is very important to student success in the sciences, and I am grateful that University leadership is promoting undergraduate research at UNCP,” Vallabha said.

Vallabha said “karma” brought her to North Carolina, but whatever it was, she is leaving good karma in her wake.

## **Professor’s book revisits death by fire in Waco**



More than a decade ago, Dr. Fran Haga Fuller (Criminal Justice) stepped into the middle of one of the biggest news events of our time, the 51-day siege and deaths of 76 Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, on April 19, 1993.

The results of her research are contained in the new book, “Invisible Action: Proof vs. Possibility, Habeas Corpus, and Waco” (2006, Southern Pines, NC: Carolinas Press, \$32.00 includes shipping and handling). Dr. Fuller will discuss her book Wednesday, October 18, at 10 a.m. in the Main Reading Room of Sampson-Livermore Library.

The story and the story within the story of Dr. Fuller's research and the years that followed are worth telling. It's about being a social scientist and telling the truth.

"In 1994, I had a new degree and a goal to investigate the investigation to figure out what really happened," Dr. Fuller said. "I was told a social scientist could never get at the truth. I just said, 'what?'"

Dr. Fuller's research in "Invisible Action" came up on the national radar in 1994, the year she was hired to teach criminal justice.

"I agreed to go to Washington in the summer of '95 for the hearings as an independent investigator," Dr. Fuller said. "The NRA (National Rifle Association) paid my expenses, but I remained independent."

Dr. Fuller said the heat surrounding upcoming Congressional hearings finally held in 1995, reflected the intensity of the fire that consumed David Koresh and his Branch Davidian followers. Among the victims of the failed attempt to storm the compound were 17 children under the age of seven.

"The story was these people killed themselves," she said. "The ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) showed up in the beginning because of suspected gun law violations, but the story was they had to go in because of the children."

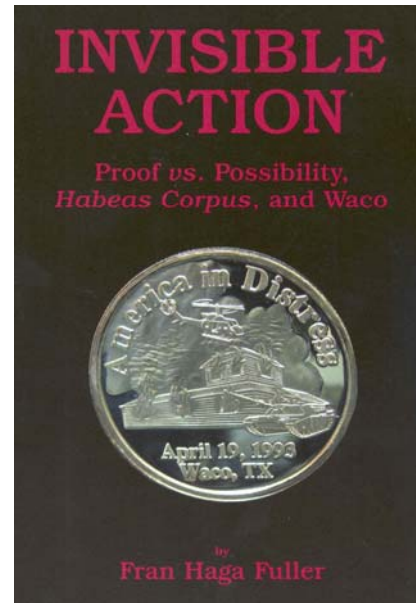
What was clear to Dr. Fuller was that the "rules of engagement" for law enforcement changed on April 19, 1993, and she wanted to know why. The book, which is packed with autopsy photos, diagrams and other graphics, is about that evidence.

Dr. Fuller's role leading up to the Washington hearings was to learn more about the child abuse allegations. The state records were sealed by court order, blocking the professor's chance for easy answers.

"So, I was in charge of contacting Joyce Sparks, a social worker who investigated claims of child abuse in Waco including sexual abuse," Dr. Fuller said. "She had been vilified in the press for failure to protect those children."

Dr. Fuller's attempts to contact the social worker were surprisingly successful, but the atmosphere turned poisonous just as quickly.

"They threatened me with legal action. I watched other academics and experts back off under the same pressure, knowing that what happened to me could happen to them," she said. "I held still and waited for things cool down."



In preparation for the hearings, Dr. Fuller was able to obtain additional evidence, including the autopsy reports and vivid color photos of the crime scene. She was able to make sure that all the investigators, including the congressional committee had equal access to this data. In the ensuing years she quietly continued her research.

“Invisible Action” contains the autopsies and memos between Sparks and Dr. Fuller. In a recent interview, Dr. Fuller offered that in the final assault on the Branch Davidians federal authorities overrode the protests of both the social worker and the state of Texas.

Readers will have to draw their own conclusions after reading the book. Dr. Fuller concluded that the crime scene was intentionally destroyed by federal law enforcement in order to wipe away evidence.

“I could not have published this 10 years ago,” Dr. Fuller said. “Among other things, the autopsy photos were too graphic, but today Court TV and other media have changed that.”

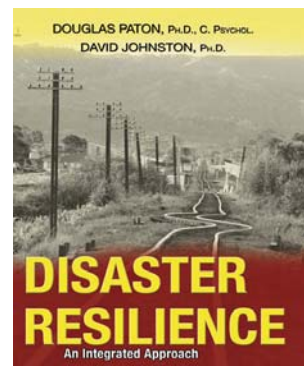
A tenured professor, Dr. Fuller continues to teach and conduct research. Publication of “Invisible Action” closes the book on the case for her. Despite the years, she said she felt compelled to publish.

“If I didn’t publish my research, then it would be like saying nothing happened – that my scholarship didn’t happen,” she said. “Without the final report, known as the scholarly artifact, research is little more than a side-line hobby.”

Copies of “Invisible Action” may be ordered through any bookstore, including the Bookstore. It is also available from the publisher at [karo1942@alltel.net](mailto:karo1942@alltel.net).

### **Dr. Schneider contributed chapter to book**

Dr. Robert Schneider (International Programs) contributed a chapter in a new book available in October and published by Charles C. Thomas Publishers. The book, edited by Douglas Paton and David Johnson, brings together contributions from international experts in emergency management. It is entitled “Disaster Resilience: An Integrated Approach.” Dr. Schneider’s contribution is chapter five and is entitled “Hazard Mitigation: A Priority For Sustainable Communities.”



### **P.J. Smith named wrestling Person of Year**

Former wrestling coach P.J. Smith (Aquatics) was named North Carolina USA Wrestling Person of Year for his long time involvement in grass roots wrestling in North Carolina. This is the second time

Coach Smith has received the award. The first was in 1991.

## **Drs. Parnell, Crandall present papers in Ireland**

Dr. John Parnell (Business), pictured on the left, and Dr. Rick Crandall (Business) presented two papers at the British Academy of Management meeting on September 12-14 in Belfast, Ireland.



The papers and authors are:

- Lester, Donald L., Parnell, John A., Crandall, Rick, and Menefee, Michael L. (2006). "Performance satisfaction in organizational life cycles: Generic strategies for high and low performers."
- Parnell, John A., Lester, Donald L., Crandall, Rick, and Menefee, Michael L. (2006). "Re-evaluating the impact of the Internet: A critical assessment and thoughts on the future."



## **Dr. Litty presented paper on women's cancer**

Dr. Jamie Litty (Mass Communication) presented a paper at the annual conference of the Carolinas Communication Association in Charleston, S.C., on September 15.

Entitled "Toward Cultural Competence in Health Campaigns for North Carolina's Native Americans," the paper includes preliminary findings from focus groups that watched a video about breast cancer and cervical cancer. The video was produced in 2003 by Dr. Litty and Native American Interfaith Ministries in Pembroke, N.C., and was designed to inspire Lumbee women of the Carolinas to get their mammograms and Pap tests. It is used in area churches and faith-based organizations.

The focus group research was funded by a 2006 Faculty Development Grant of \$900.

## **UNCP group named to Red Springs Arts Council**



The Red Springs Arts Council elected a new board of directors including several UNCP faculty and alumni.

Margie Labadie (Art) was named president. Walt Lawellen (alumnus) is vice president, Dr. Richard Gay (Art) is treasurer, Georgia Ivie (alumnae) is secretary and Leslie Covington (student) is historian.

## ***Birthdays, October 1 - 15***

Marilyn Blackburn  
Randall Blue  
Dena Bolles  
John Bowman  
Debra Branch  
Brenda Bullock  
Milton Campbell  
Darlene Chavis  
Kapica Davis  
Robert Earnest  
Wm. Bruce Ezell, Jr.  
Kimilla Floyd  
Rosendo Garcia II  
Bill Gash  
Jenny Hadden  
Sherry Harrelson  
Airo Jacobs  
Cathy Jacobs  
Loretta Jones  
Penny Jones  
Chester Jordan  
Ila Killian  
Charles Lillie  
Barbara Locklear  
Louis Locklear  
Ronald Loftis  
Jeffrey Lucas  
David Newton  
Cynthia Oxendine  
Larry Rodgers  
Denisha Sanders  
Willie Scott  
Sherry Strickland  
Sonia Tinsley  
David Young  
James Westfall  
Mary Zets

## ***New Hires***

Curtis Chavis - Maintenance Mechanic I, Physical Plant  
Letha Strickland - Office Assistant IV, School of Education  
Jerry Taylor - General Utility Worker, Physical Plant  
Aleca Johnson - Assistant Softball Coach, Athletics  
Lenea Barela - Student Center Director, GPAC

## **Deaths**

Dr. Anita Guynn's mother-in-law, Eyleen Edwards Brent, of Chase City, Va., passed away at her home on September 20. Dr. Guynn is in the English, Theatre and Languages Department.

Anne O. Edens died September 21. She is the sister-in-law of Scott Bigelow (University & Community Relations).

Mrs. Aileen Holmes Chavis passed away September 22. She is the mother of Dr. Olivia Oxendine (Education).

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