

# Library Lines

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## A Farewell Conversation with Dr. Elinor Foster

by David W. Young



Dr. Elinor Foster

**Dr. Elinor Foster**, Dean of Library Services, retired June 30, 2012. In her last week, she sat down with **David Young** to reflect on her tenure at UNCP.

**DY: When did you first come to UNCP (two different times) and what was your job title?**

**EF:** I was at the Library first from 1989-1993, and my job title was Director of Library Services. After I returned to the Library again in 1999, it was changed to University Librarian in 2001 and Dean of Library Services in 2005.

**DY: What major changes have you seen in the Library during your time here at UNCP?**

**EF:** I was here from July 1, 1989-August 20, 1993. As I was leaving, the retrospective conversion was ongoing and the *LS 2000* computing system was in use, with *Innovative Interfaces* under consideration for the replacement system. When I returned January 2, 1999, *Innovative* was in use and there was an addition

to the library building. In recent years, there has been more and more reliance on electronic resources and a continuing reduction in use of print materials, especially serials. Print indexes to periodicals are a thing of the past.

**DY: Describe some of your accomplishments during your career at UNCP.**

**EF:** The benefit evenings sponsored by the Friends of the Library were begun in 2002 and have continued annually, making possible the availability of scholarships, honoraria for visiting authors, sponsorship of current reading and media materials, and other projects which would not have been available with state-allocated funds. Some outstanding staff persons were hired during my years at UNCP, and they continue to provide outstanding service to library users, as is confirmed in various library-user surveys. The transition to escalated use of electronic equipment and materials has kept pace with developments in the field of library science and information technology during my tenure at the University.

**DY: Who have been the Chancellors and Provosts who were in office during your tenure at UNCP?**

**EF: Chancellors**

**Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine**  
**Dr. Allen Meadors**  
**Dr. Charles Jenkins**  
**Dr. Kyle Carter**

**Provosts**

**Dr. Charles Jenkins**  
**Dr. Roger Brown**  
**Dr. Charles Harrington**  
**Dr. Bill Gash**  
**Dr. Kenneth Kitts**

## Message from the Interim Dean of Library Services



Susan Whitt

Interim Dean of Library Services

Photo by Cindy Saylor

Welcome back to a new academic year! This is an exciting and busy time for all students, faculty, and staff of UNC Pembroke. Additionally, this is a historic time for the University as it is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Library has been preparing for the beginning of the year by updating our publications, adding new resources and links to our web page, preparing for library instruction, and adjusting to the retirement of our Dean, **Dr. Elinor Foster**. Dr. Foster retired as Dean of Library Services on June 30. In this newsletter, you can read a conversation with **David Young** about her time here. I am serving as Interim Dean of Library Services until a new dean is selected.

Consequently, I will be serving as Executive Secretary of the UNCP Friends of the Library Board of Directors. Dr. Foster served diligently and effectively in this capacity since 1990. She leaves behind a legacy that will be hard to match. **Dr. Robert Hersch** established the Friends and Dr. Foster grew it into the organization it is today. She leaves a Friends organization that is exceptionally committed to supporting endeavors that benefit the Library, as well as the University. **Robert F. Fisher** will begin his first term as president. **Drs. Tony** and **Judy Curtis** will continue their

years of service to the Friends by serving respectively as Vice President/President-elect and Immediate Past President. We have other returning board members and one new board member, **Dr. Martin Farley**. The Friends will continue to contribute to and support ongoing planning and execution of library programs.

The Friends are in the process of planning for upcoming programs, faculty showcases, and the annual benefit. All of these will be highlighted in upcoming *Library Lines*, as well as by other means of communication. Please look for this information as it is forthcoming.

I encourage all those campus and community members reading this newsletter to join our Friends of the Library. Please tell others about us and encourage them to join. Membership runs from October to October, but we will welcome you any time of the year. In fact, on the back of our print newsletter or at the end of the electronic version is a membership form with all the needed information about how to join. When you join the Friends, you are supporting such initiatives as scholarships which assist UNCP students, funding for McNaughton book and audio-book leasing programs, and sponsorship of author appearances and reading programs.

Thank you if you are already a member and thank you to those who realize the importance of becoming a new member. It's great to all be in this together. Joining our Friends of the Library is a wonderful way to begin a new school year. If you have any questions, please call **Karen Fritts** at 910.775.4242 or me at 910.521.6212. Information about the Friends, along with membership forms, can be found at [www.uncp.edu/library/friends](http://www.uncp.edu/library/friends).

**DID YOU KNOW:** Every past edition of *Library Lines* is available at the Library's Website. Check them out at: [http://www.uncp.edu/library/friends/library\\_lines/index.html](http://www.uncp.edu/library/friends/library_lines/index.html)

## Message from the FOL President



Bob Fisher  
 President of Friends of the Library  
 Photo by Cindy Saylor

A lot has changed in the last 125 years. For that matter, a lot has changed at the University in the 30 years that I've lived in Robeson County. Over those 30 years, the University continued to grow into an important educational institution in our state. We were fortunate to have many qualified librarians that established a quality information and research center. Dr. Elinor Foster played a significant role in the Library's development, and her work will be a benchmark for years to come. She further impressed me with her concern that the whole Robeson County community know that they are welcome at the Mary Livermore Library.

I've had the pleasure to know Susan Whitt for many years. She even worked with me at the Robeson County Public Library for a while before moving to Houston. Unfortunately for us, we didn't have a position available when she moved back to Robeson County. Fortunately for the University, it did. Ms. Whitt is a very intelligent and qualified librarian and manager. I'm sure the Library will continue to grow while she serves as interim Dean.

The Friends of the Library of UNCP plan to continue our speakers' series, book sale, and annual benefit. And, because of this anniversary year, we plan to present programs that help us remember UNCP's history. I had a lot of fun at the celebrations during the 100th anniversary in 1987, and I hope this year's programming will be enjoyable for you.

It is an honor for me to serve as president for the 2012-13 academic year, and I look forward to an exciting year.

### Friends with Benefits

As a member of the Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke, members are awarded item checkout privileges.

| Item                     | Circulating period | Item limit   |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| General Collection Books | 3 weeks            | 5 per patron |
| Bestsellers              | 7 days             | 1 per patron |
| McNaughton Books         | 7 days             | 1 per patron |
| *Audiobooks              | 3 weeks            | 3 per patron |
| *DVDs/VHS                | 7 days             | 3 per patron |
| *Music CDs               | 7 days             | 3 per patron |
| *Media Kits              | 3 weeks            | 3 per patron |

\*Patrons may borrow a combined total of six media items at a time. These may include any three DVDs, videos, or music CDs and any three audiobooks, or media kits.

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**DY: What is your opinion about when or if a new information commons building will materialize on campus?**

**EF:** It is the top priority for new capital construction projects at UNCP and will happen when the economy improves and the legislature provides the appropriations needed for planning and construction. I estimate this won't happen for six to eight more years.

**DY: What have been some of the most memorable moments in your career at UNCP?**

**EF:** I have enjoyed the appearances at programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library for faculty authors and nationally known writers, such as **Allan Gurganus** and **Clyde Edgerton**. It has been a joy to provide, along with fellow members of the FOL, the academic, book purchase, and technology scholarships made possible by funds realized through the annual Friends of the Library benefit evenings.

**DY: What will you miss most about the job?**

**EF:** The easy access to reading materials, including books and periodicals. Our acquisitions, serials, cataloging, and access services staff do a fine job of acquiring and making such materials available.

**DY: What will you miss least about the job?**

**EF:** It will be a relief not to have to worry about the safety of library staff and users during hazardous weather situations (snow and ice, hurricanes).

**DY: Do you have any favorite hobbies?**

**EF:** I read and see movies—all selected titles, of course, usually decided upon by reading reviews. I also enjoy visiting historic sites such as the homes of United States presidents and touring museums and cities with guided commentary, if available

**DY: Is there anything else that you would like to share?**

**EF:** UNC Pembroke and its Library and staff are very special to me and will be greatly missed.

Apart from the aforementioned interview, Dr. Foster's positive impact on the UNC Pembroke campus was evidenced by her being honored recently by the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke. Specifically, the Board voted to rename the \$1,000 non-endowed scholarship award the **Dean Elinor F. Foster Scholarship Award**. Additionally, it was decided that the National Library Week Poetry/Short Prose Contest should be re-named the **Dean Elinor F. Foster Poetry/Short Prose Contest** in honor of the outgoing Dean of Library Services. The entire library staff wishes to thank Dr. Foster for all of her years of dedicated service to UNC Pembroke and wishes her the very best in her retirement.

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## Summer Youth Programs

by Michael C. Alewine

Laughter, screams, running...in the Library? No, we haven't slacked off on our policies for decorum. We are hosting the students from the Regional Center's Kids' College and Teen College, as well as the Transportation Institute. For the past three years, the Library has supported these programs by providing a variety of information-literacy-related sessions that are both informative and fun. Most sessions involved interactive, group-based activities which explains the laughter, running.

According to **Anne Coleman**, Assistant Dean for Research Services, "The Library supports the mission of the University, which includes a strong commitment to the children of the surrounding community. Our information

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literacy sessions for the summer youth programs represent just a part of that commitment, but they go a long way towards engaging these students and showing them how much fun libraries and learning can be.”

The Transportation Institute involves area high school students who are exploring a variety of career options in the manifold fields of transportation. As part of their overall program, these students came to the Library on June 26 and met with **Michael C. Alewine**, Outreach/Distance Education Librarian, and **Robert Arndt**, Reference/Instructional Services Librarian. During this session, students were shown how to locate articles, books, videos, and World Wide Web resources that provide career information. They also looked at a number of online interactive resources such as *Flight Aware* and *Google Maps*.



Robert Arndt with the students from Teen College

The Kids' College students, who ranged in age from 6 to 11, came to the Library over a two-week period in July. The first week, students met with **June Power**, Access Services/Reference Librarian, and **Jessica Karpel**, University Library Technician for Systems. These students completed information-related units that involved animal and spy themes. Students learned about how information is organized and how to locate it in the Library, and they played a Jeopardy-like information game. They also created murals related to animals which were on display at the entrance to the Library.

The second-week sessions were provided by **Melanie Wood**, Instructional Services/Reference Librarian, and **Karen Fritts**, Government Documents/Development Librarian. These sessions had a superheroes theme. **Stephanie Kern**, a UNCP education major, read to the students and helped Melanie and Karen with related activities, which included arts and crafts and learning about Tacky the Penguin. Using activities, books, and videos, students learned about penguins and that it's ok to be different from other people.

**Brittnay Locklear**, a local middle-school student, assisted Melanie throughout the Kids' College program. According to Melanie, "Brittnay was a fantastic assistant and played a significant role in the carrying out of our program."

Michael and Robert coordinated Teen College activities, which took place during the same two weeks as Kids' College. Students, who were anywhere between 11 and 13, came for three sessions each week. Session activities included information scavenger hunts throughout the Library's stacks, as well as online scavenger hunts using electronic databases and web-based resources, such as *Google Earth*.

**Kayla Anne Kirkley**, of Laurinburg, attended Kids' College last year and Teen College this summer. Kayla said, "Coming to the Library is my favorite part of Teen College. We had so much fun, and now I know all about call numbers!"

It is important to note that the Library works with many community and local school youth initiatives such as Battle of the Books, Community in Schools (CIS) Academy, and the Upward Bound Program, to name a few.



Students from Kids' College create animal murals

Photo by Michael Alewine

## Ancestors, Education, and Scholarships the Focus of 2012 FOL Benefit

by Anne Coleman

The elegant, but fun, benefit evening at the Library began with a lively silent auction featuring such items as North Carolina pottery, Native American art, spectacular gift baskets, handmade cloth necklaces, and a hand-painted, children's place setting from UNCP's First Lady, **Sarah Carter**. Guests at the benefit feasted from gourmet food stations and were serenaded by **Dylan Fisher**, an accomplished guitarist and a music business major at UNCP.

**Dr. Elinor Foster**, Dean of Library Services, welcomed everyone and introduced some of the distinguished guests. She and **Anne Coleman**, Assistant Dean for Research Services, then surprised the attendees with a door-prize drawing. Six lucky guests, whose ticket numbers were selected, were presented with door prizes from local restaurants, the Greenstate Garden Gallery, and **Emily Simpson**, a graduate of the NY Institute of Design.

A major focus of the evening was the Friends of the Library scholarships. Each year the FOL of UNCP awards several scholarships to UNCP students. These scholarships are designed to acknowledge and support students who are performing well in their academic majors by providing them some financial assistance. Anne Coleman presented the 2012 recipients of the FOL scholarships.

Two of the scholarships were spotlighted this year. First, it was announced that the FOL, non-endowed, \$1,000 scholarship has been named the Dean Elinor F. Foster Scholarship, in honor of Dr. Foster, who retired in June 2012. This scholarship was awarded to **Glenda Jewell Lowery**, a junior majoring in elementary education. Second, a brand new \$1,000 scholarship, the Ben Chavis, Grandmother Lela Locklear Chavis, Great-Great-Grandfather John Archie Locklear, and the Friends of the Library Endowed Scholarship, was presented for the first time. **Dr. Ben Chavis** and the Friends of the Library provided the funds to create this scholarship. It will be awarded annually to an undergraduate, full-time student who is majoring in math or a science-related field of study. This year's winner of the scholarship was **Brittany Leigh Williams**, a sophomore biology, biomedical major.

The Endowed Honors College Scholarship for \$500 was awarded to **Courtney Michelle Stoker**, a senior accounting major; the Endowed Generalist Scholarship for \$500 was awarded to **Amber Nichole Ward**, a junior criminal justice and sociology major. Four book scholarships, \$250 each, were awarded to **Danielle Hairston**, a senior mass communication and journalism major; **Kayla R. Seedig**, a sophomore art education major; **Jungeun Sung**, a senior biology major; and **Michelle Simone Winfrey**, a junior majoring in nursing.

Dr. Chavis, a Robeson County native, renowned educator, nationally recognized author, and successful businessman, was the benefit speaker. He began his presentation by congratulating the winners of the FOL scholarships.



A full house at the Library's Annual Benefit

He urged them to remember that they had been given the scholarships because he and the people of UNCP believe in them and their ability to succeed.

Dr. Chavis went on to talk about his own childhood in Robeson County, where he was raised in a Lumbee Indian family of sharecroppers and, as a youngster, attended Indian segregated public schools. He succeeded against the odds through hard work, with the support of his family and many fine educators. He called many of his first teachers by name and praised them for their influence on his life. He challenged the audience, many of whom were his family members, friends, and colleagues, to raise an additional \$10,000 for the scholarship honoring his ancestors. He pledged that he would then establish a second \$30,000 endowed scholarship in honor of teachers. Several donations have already been made to this effort, and the fundraising continues. Anyone who would like to make a donation, should contact **Karen Fritts**, Government Documents/Development Librarian, by phone at 910.775.4242 or via e-mail at [karen.fritts@uncp.edu](mailto:karen.fritts@uncp.edu).

The evening ended on a bittersweet note when Dr. Foster was saluted by **Provost Kenneth Kitts**, who applauded her many accomplishments for the University and the Library during her tenure at the Mary Livermore Library. **Dr. Judith Curtis**, outgoing president of the Friends of the Library, presented Dr. Foster a bouquet of roses and an engraved Tiffany bowl from the FOL Board of Directors.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual benefit, which was appropriately themed, "Honoring Our Ancestors, Respecting Their Vision @ the Library," raised more than \$13,000. These funds will primarily be used to continue to provide scholarships for students, to sponsor author appearances, and to supplement library resources. To learn more about the Friends of the Library or to join the organization, please call the Mary Livermore Library at 910.521.6212 or visit the Library's webpage at [www.uncp.edu/library/friends/](http://www.uncp.edu/library/friends/).



Dr. Ben Chavis visits with several Scholarship winners.



Lillian Brewington, Dr. Foster, and Gwen Locklear enjoy a few moments together.

The Friends of the Library of UNCP is still accepting donations for the Dr. Ben Chavis Scholarship Challenge. If you are interested in contributing to this scholarship effort, please use the form included in this newsletter or visit the Library's homepage at [www.uncp.edu/library](http://www.uncp.edu/library) for complete details. Interested parties can also contact the Library at 910.521.6212.

## Help the Scholarship Grow



Dr. Ben Chavis

On April 13, 2012, at the Friends of the Library Annual Benefit, guest speaker **Dr. Ben Chavis**, offered a wonderful surprise to the Library and the University. Dr. Chavis challenged friends, family, and guests to contribute to the scholarship that he and the Friends of the Library recently created. If an additional \$10,000 could be raised for the Dr. Ben Chavis, Grandmother Lela Locklear Chavis and Great-great Grandfather John Archie Locklear/Friends of the Library Endowed Scholarship, Dr. Chavis would establish a second scholarship. This new scholarship would be to honor the teachers that helped him in his life.

If you would like to make a donation to the Ben Chavis, Grandmother Lela Locklear Chavis and Great-great Grandfather John Archie Locklear/Friends of the Library Endowed Scholarship enhancement, please fill out the form below and return to the Mary Livermore Library, with your check enclosed. Checks should be made out to UNC Pembroke Foundation with "Ben Chavis Scholarship" noted in the memo line.

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The University of North Carolina at Pembroke

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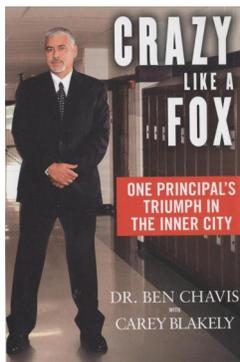
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Pembroke, NC 28372-9988

**Thank you for your continuing support of the Friends of the Library  
of UNC Pembroke and our many endeavors.**

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## Ben Chavis Scholarship Enhancement Gift



Yes, I would like to help expand the level of financial aid provided by the Ben Chavis, Grandmother Lela Locklear Chavis and Great-great Grandfather John Archie Locklear/Friends of the Library Endowed Scholarship. Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ made out to UNC Pembroke Foundation with "Ben Chavis Scholarship" noted in the memo line.

I understand that I will receive a receipt and a letter of acknowledgment for my gift.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Streaming Videos and E-books

by Carl Danis

The basic mission of any academic library, to educate and help patrons find information, has not changed in quite a long time. What has changed, however, are the formats in which that information is accessed and disseminated. No longer does the Library have just books in paper or movies on film for a projector. The change has come over the past 30 years with the advent of the Internet into mainstream culture; faster, more capable computers; and the explosion of software to handle these new formats. In addition, there has been a change to patrons who expect the Library to deliver information in these new quicker formats.

In order for a library to remain a relevant body within the academic community, it must adapt to these changes. The Mary Livermore Library has met this challenge to provide patrons newer and faster ways to access information.

While providing videos and movies to our patrons is not new, the way it is done has changed. No, the Library has not stopped ordering or discarded its entire DVD collection, although VHS tapes are now few and far between. The Library has simply adopted an additional way to provide videos to the community.

The Mary Livermore Library, through a series of different vendors, now provides access to streaming videos. This means one can access them through a computer with an Internet connection. Initially a significant number of streaming videos were provided through the PBS video collection. Some of the more popular PBS video series, such as *Frontline*, *Nova*, and the *American Experience*, can be seen via streaming videos. While these videos come via NCLIVE, the Library has also purchased its own streaming video packages. These include *Films on Demand*, *Academic Video Online*, and *The Journal of Visualized Experiments (Jove)*. *Films on Demand* has thousands of videos, many from *Films for the Humanities and Sciences* and *Cambridge Educational Videos*. Videos are organized into over 25 different subject areas. Another series the Library subscribes to is *Academic Videos Online (VAST)* through Alexander Street Press. These videos are organized into 23 subjects, ranging from counseling and therapy to opera. The other streaming video resource in the Library is *The Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE)*. Primarily focusing on the sciences, *JoVE* is a peer-reviewed journal showing research in a visual format.



Another way the Library is “keeping up with the times” is by providing access to books in electronic format (e-books). The easiest way to provide lots of e-books to patrons quickly and easily is through the purchase of various “packages” as opposed to buying the books individually. The Library has purchased e-books from several vendors, including Ebrary, EBSCO, Oxford, Sage, Books 24x7, and Duke University Press. The Ebrary and EBSCO packages contain e-books in a variety of subject areas. The Oxford and Sage packages generally provide titles normally found in a reference collection, such as subject encyclopedias. The Books 24x7 package consists of business and information technology (IT) titles. Duke University e-books are titles published by Duke University Press. Through these packages, patrons have access to approximately 100,000 e-book titles.



Does this trend mean traditional books will disappear? Probably not for the foreseeable future; however, in order to remain viable, the way a library provides information will have to continue to diversify.



Welcome back from the staff of the Mary Livermore Library

Photo by Yonnas Kibret

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## **Friends of the Library (FOL) Present Computers to Incoming Freshmen**

by Karen Fritts

For many college freshmen, the transition from high school to college can be quite daunting. College presents a new set of rules and requirements as well as a greater level of academic work than many incoming freshmen are prepared for. This year the Friends of the Library of UNCP hope to make the transition for six area students easier by providing them with new laptops. The Board of Directors created a new Technology Scholarship that would award one laptop with software and accessories to a graduating senior from each of the seven public high schools in Robeson County. Students interested in applying completed an application, then submitted two essays each, transcripts, and letters of recommendation by May 1, 2012. This year, 18 applications were received. All completed applications were then reviewed by the FOL Scholarship Committee. The top students were selected to receive the laptops. When they begin fall semester at UNCP, the six winners will receive the laptops.

Please congratulate the winners:

**Alex Antonio Marinez**—Fairmont High School

**Taylor Marie Locklear**—Lumberton High School

**Matthew James Godwin**—Purnell Swett High School

**Tabitha Lynn Russ**—Robeson Early College

**Mercedes Locklear**—South Robeson High School

**Andrea Ann-Marie Bound**—St. Pauls High School

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## Winners of the 2012 Dean Elinor F. Foster Poetry/Short Prose Contest

The Friends of the Library of UNCP and the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton continued the annual Poetry and Short Prose contest. This year there were four 1st place winners, because there was a tie for first place in the high school category.

### UNCP students

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Samantha Cornwell</b><br>"Conrad Station, a Ghost Town" |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Michael Gordon Byrd</b><br>"Tomorrow"                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Veronica Tillman</b><br>"Plight of the Negro"           |

### High school students

|                       |   |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> (tie) | <b>Scott Cherichella</b> (Flora Macdonald Academy)<br>"Empty"   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> (tie) | <b>Amanda Coffman</b> (East Columbus High School)<br>"The Author and Her Creation"  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie) | <b>Trinity Davis</b> (Cross Creek Early College High School)<br>"My Sister Went to Heaven and I Got Too Much Stuff to Tell Her" |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie) | <b>Harris Hamed-McClean</b> (Cross Creek Early College High School)<br>"The Father that I Never Knew"                           |

### General public

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|-----------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Dr. Stan Knick</b><br>"The Bishop's Chair, Savannah" |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Dr. Jane Haladay</b><br>"Evening after Rain"         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Tony Rex Chavis</b><br>"The Visitors"                |

Thanks to our Judges, **Julie Arndt**, **Dr. Scott Hicks**, and **Dr. Charles Tita**.

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The Author and Her Creation  
by Amanda Coffman

“Once upon a time there was a young boy...”

“You’re going to use that old cliché are you?”

“Yes I am. I’m the author, you are my character, and this is my story. Now can I continue?”

The boy smirked, “Sure, as soon as you change that lame beginning. I refuse to star in some fairytale.”

I groaned. “Why do I have to get all the characters with bad attitudes?” I muttered. “Fine. How would you like it to start?”

“I don’t know. Maybe you could start it off with my leading lady instead.”

“Who said anything about a leading lady? You might not have one.”

The nameless character paled. “What do you mean no love interest? You were going the whole cutesy fairytale route, so there must be a girl in there somewhere! You can’t do this to me!”

I smiled. “Contrary to popular belief, I can. You didn’t want me to do the whole fairytale thing anyway.”

The boy-who-needs-a-name sighed. “Fine, go ahead. She better be really cute though.”

“Okay. Once upon a time there was a young boy named Blake...”

“That’s not my name.”

I rolled my eyes. “What is your name?”

He thought for a moment. “My name is... Jaden!”

“Okay. Once upon a time there was a young boy named Jaden. He was a simple farm boy.”

“Girl or no girl, I draw the line at being a farm boy.”

“Jaden be reasonable. I have a wonderful story planned, and if you would just be quiet, I bet you would like it.”

Jaden pouted and stomped his foot. “But I don’t want to be a farm boy! Why can’t I be a superhero or be the king of a huge kingdom?”

I blinked. “Did you really just throw a temper tantrum? How do you know what you are or aren’t? I can’t get one paragraph done without you interrupting me! I can make you into anything I want, yet you continue to antagonize me! I can make you travel through alternate dimensions or be a legendary hero. Or some freakish monster, or a single father with 12 hyperactive five-year olds. Don’t tell me it isn’t possible because this is my story, and I can do whatever I want! I don’t see how it can be logical to make the person who controls your fate so incredibly mad! If I wanted to, I could make someone else the main character and make the readers despise you.”

Jaden looked up at me. “Are you finished?”

I sighed. “Yeah, I’m finished.”

Jaden smirked. “Okay, how about we skip to the part where I meet my lady?”

“No, I’m going to bed. We can try this again tomorrow. Goodnight Jaden.”

“No! I’m sorry! Don’t leave me here alone! At least leave a lamp on! I don’t like the dark! You didn’t make me brave yet!”

I smiled and flipped the light switch off as I shut the door to my office. Maybe tomorrow he’d be more willing to cooperate.

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The Bishop's Chair, Savannah  
by Stan Knick

They set a fire in the bishop's chair  
at the Cathedral of John the Baptist,  
The cabbie said "it was a wino did it,"  
but I don't know how he knew.  
The cabbie said "there was three-hundred-thousand damage"  
and I imagined smoke rising from the bishop's chair,  
darkening the face of St. Matthew above  
and spreading to Mark  
and the Other Two.  
How much smoke would a bishop's chair make?  
An oversized chair in truth –  
ten feet tall and eight feet wide with bulging crimson cushions  
and lots of inlaid oak.  
There must have been a lot of smoke and I wonder  
how they put it out.

Who was it found this unholy fire?  
Was it a priest or some acolyte,  
or perhaps the clean-up man?  
I understand the church was closed  
for several months after the fire  
(or so the cabbie said).  
It must have hurt the offering  
'cause they get a lot of dollars from pilgrims like me  
Burning candles, keen to pray in such a sacred place  
All through the day.  
The bishop must have been upset, I said.  
And the cabbie said "we were all upset, it's such a beautiful church."

They must have had some special sacrament ,  
some real High Church event to dedicate that chair  
big as it was.  
Of course the archbishop was there  
and all the bishops from the diocese –  
so many men with tall hats and vestment robes and bishop's crooks  
it must have looked like the Bishops Ball  
and all the deacons in patient lines  
and everyone said *Amen* a hundred times.  
Yes, they set a fire in the bishop's chair  
at the Cathedral of John the Baptist –  
smoked up the place and all the saints  
and surely the organ too.  
I wonder what I'd do if I were there  
and found the fire,  
which part would I save first?  
Would I get Holy Water from the  
big round font  
and try to douse the fire?  
And if I did, would that be wrong?



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Cornwell and Michael Gordon Byrd.

Conrad Station, a Ghost Town  
by Samantha Cornwell

If we were indoors, it'd be covered in dust,  
This railroad I walk near. I know it must  
Have led others long ago, just like me, but  
Now only wildflowers grow from the rust.

So I pick a bouquet by a tilted oak stand,  
Near the entrance to a once-promised land.  
A sign says *ABANDONED* in a scrawled hand –  
As if I couldn't tell that no train ran here.

I tiptoe around this boomtown's grave  
(Silent foundations that dreams once paved)  
And give my respects with a simple wave,  
To a place not even innovation could save.

To think that people once lived and died  
By these tracks under this same sky.  
Now they moved on and are forgotten by  
Relentless Time – but for some reason, not I.

Not a single soul around these parts I see  
On this fateful bridge into eternity.  
As I wander town to town in this dream  
I wonder if the only ghost is me.

Empty  
by Scott Cherichella

The old wood cabinet is empty  
it's nothing new to me  
at least the door fell from way high up  
so it's no longer hard to see

My belly is very empty  
because today is Saturday  
at least I'm not watching other kids  
throw half their lunch away

The oven is always empty  
the stove is out of gas  
at least I get fed meals at school  
but which will be my last?

Everything is just empty  
Mom can never fill the cart  
but the empty in my stomach  
is nothing like the empty in my heart



High School winners Amanda Coffman, Trinity Davis, and Harris Hamed-McClean.

Thank you Kiwanis of  
Robeson-Lumberton for your  
continued support of the Dean  
Elinor F. Foster Poetry/Short  
Prose contest.



## Kudos and Happenings

by Robert Arndt

Walking the library halls these days you will notice several missing faces from the staff.

The most notable missing face is that of the Dean of Library Services, **Dr. Elinor Foster**. Dr. Foster retired June 30, 2012, after 17 years of service to the Library. **Susan Whitt**, Associate Dean for Collection Management, has been named Interim Dean of Library Services.

**Virgil Oxendine**, University Library Technician for Reference Services, resigned at the end of February to accept a position with the Indian Housing Authority in Red Springs.



Virgil Oxendine

**Julious Hagans**, University Library Technician for Public Services, spent his last day at the Library on June 19. Julious returned to the classroom to earn his Bachelor of Science in Nursing here at UNCP. Julious has been at the University since 2003. He previously worked in the Health Careers Opportunity Program.



Julious Hagans and Samantha Temple McQueen

**Samantha Temple McQueen**, who was hired as part of an NC ECHO Digitization grant, also has left the Library to return to the classroom. Samantha is enrolled in the Master of Social Work program and began taking courses during summer school. Samantha previously worked in the Library as a student assistant and as a weekend assistant in Access Services.

A new face in the Library is **Jerry McRae**. Jerry was hired as the University Library Technician for Reference Services just in time to be included in the exam schedule in April. Jerry, a native of Red Springs, is a 2010 graduate of the University of North

Carolina Wilmington where he majored in English. Jerry minored in both creative writing and biology. Jerry is continuing his education at East Carolina University where he is enrolled in the Master of Library Science program.



Jerry McRae

**Anne Coleman**, Assistant Dean for Research Services, has served as part of the editorial board for *North Carolina Libraries* for the Spring/Summer 2012 issue. Anne proofread the "North Carolina Books" section. Anne also co-presented with **Drs. Betty Brown, Lisa Mitchell, and Heather Kimberly Dial Sellers** at the Annual NC Reading Association Conference in Raleigh on March 20, 2012. Their presentation was entitled "Read In! Promote Literacy and Cultural Awareness" which discussed the group's collaboration for the African American Read-In and the Native American Heritage Month Read-In

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activities. Anne, **Robert Arndt**, Reference/Instructional Services Librarian, and **David Young**, Catalog Librarian, attended the Spring Conference of the Librarians' Association at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (LAUNC-CH) in Chapel Hill, on March 5, 2012. Anne and Robert also compiled the 2011-2012 *Campus Scholarship Bibliography*.

**Michael Alewine** presented a paper "Listen to What They Have to Say! Assessing Distance Learners' Satisfaction with Library Services Using a Transactional Survey" at the Fifteenth Distance Library Services Conference in Memphis, on April 19, 2012. The paper is slated to be published in the *Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning* this fall.

Michael and **Dr. Mark Canada**, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, presented "Academic Research Assignments for English Composition, Writing Enriched, and Writing in the Disciplines Courses" as part of the SACS Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) faculty development series on March 23. This session covered the information literacy requirements of the UNCP QEP.

Michael also received a HOPES (Harnessing Opportunities through Proactive Education and Service) Grant. The HOPES Program is part of the NASNTI III Grant. Michael's proposal was entitled "Using the ARCS Model of Motivational Design to Improve Information Literacy Learning Outcomes in Undergraduate Students."

Robert and Michael attended a screen-casting/screen-image capture workshop at East Carolina University on March 30. The event was sponsored by the North Carolina Library Association Distance Learning Interest Group of which Michael and Robert are founding members. Robert and Michael are currently working on a video, *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Distance Education Students*.

**Melanie Wood**, Instructional Services/Reference Librarian, received a Summer Research Fellowship from UNCP's Teaching and Learning Center.

**June Power**, Access Services /Reference Librarian, published an article entitled "IM and SMS for the Circulation Desk" in the April issue of the *Journal of Access Services* (volume 9, issue 2).

**Carlene Cummings**, University Library Specialist for Special Collections, June, and Melanie will be directing Hawk Assistants this fall. The Hawk Assistantship Program is designed to give students employment and real world experiences while helping various offices and departments in this time of limited resources. In order to be awarded a Hawk Assistantship, each office and department had to show how the job was relevant to the student's current academic program, future employment, and/or graduate school interest.

Melanie, Robert, and Michael participated in the Chibicon (Anime and Manga festival) on March 15, which was attended by more than 120 students, faculty, staff, and community members in the University Center Annex. The evening featured a variety of games, videos, costume contests (Cosplay), music and dancing, and displays. The Library had two display tables during the event which highlighted our Anime and Manga Collections. Michael Alewine is faculty advisor to Genshiken: The Society for the Study of Modern Visual Culture, which was formed last year and was one of the sponsors of the Chibicon event.

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